

1867, c. 186 adds the following :

63. In all cases where lands held in fee-simple or by lease have been sold or shall be sold for payment of taxes in arrears according to the provisions of existing laws, it shall be the duty of the collector of taxes to report the said sale, together with all the proceedings had in relation thereto, to the judge of the circuit court of the judicial circuit, where said lands are situate, who shall examine the said proceedings, and if the same appear to be regular, and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been complied with, shall order notice to be given by advertisement published in such newspapers as he shall direct, warning all persons interested in the property sold to be and appear by a certain day in the said notice to be named, to show cause if any they have, why said sale should not be ratified, and confirmed, and if no cause or an insufficient cause be shown against the said ratification, the said sale shall by the order and decree of the said judge or court be ratified and confirmed, and the purchaser shall have a good title, but if good cause, in the judgment of the said judge, be shown in the premises, the said sale shall be set aside, in which case the said collector may proceed to a new sale of the property.

1867, c. 186, § 1
Collector to
report to judges
of circuit
courts sales of
lands for taxes

Notice to show
cause.

Ratification of
sale and pur-
chaser's title

64. Wherever real or leasehold property which shall be sold for taxes in arrears shall belong solely to minors, married women, or persons *non compos mentis*, it shall be lawful for the collector to rent or lease said property for the amount of the taxes in arrear and the expenses of the proceedings, by public auction at the court house door of the county where the lands are situate, and the property in such case shall be struck off to the bidder, who will take it for the shortest period of time, not less than one year, for the said taxes, expenses and interest.

Ibid § 2.
In case of
minors, mar-
ried women,
&c

Property to be
rented for
taxes at public
auction

65. Nothing in the two preceding sections contained, shall be authorized to affect any question of

Ibid § 3
How this act
construed.