

Costs and expenses.

purchase money, have a good and indefeasible title to the property sold; but if good cause, in the judgment of the said court be shown in the premises, the said sale shall be set aside; in which case, the said collector shall proceed to a new sale of the property and bring the proceeds into court, out of which the purchaser shall be repaid the purchase money paid by him to the collector on said rejected sale; and all the taxes assessed on said real estate and paid by said purchaser since said sale, and all costs and expenses properly incurred in the said court, with interest on all such sums from the time of payment; and if the purchaser has not paid the purchase money or the subsequent taxes, to apply the said proceeds to the payment of the taxes for which said real property may have been sold, and all subsequent taxes thereon then in arrears, with interest on the same, according to law, and the costs of the proceedings; but such sale shall not be set aside if the provisions of law shall appear to have been substantially complied with, and the burden of proof shall be on the exceptioner to show the same to be invalid under the law.

How redeemed

SEC. 2. Whenever real estate shall be sold by said collector, the owner thereof, prior to the sale, may redeem the same by paying into court, to be paid to the purchaser thereof within a period of twelve calendar months from the day of sale an amount equal to the sum, with twenty-five per centum added thereto of the purchase money, of all costs properly incurred by the said purchaser in securing the ratification of the said sale, and of all taxes assessed on said real estate and paid by said purchaser since said sale.

Authorized to bid.

SEC. 3. Whenever real estate or property of any description shall be exposed for sale by said collector of taxes for Wicomico county under the provisions of the General Laws of this State, the State's Attorney for Wicomico county may bid for and purchase the same at the sale thereof, for the use of said county, if the said sale be for the collection of taxes, if in his opinion it shall be necessary and proper to do so for the protection of the interest of the said county; provided the sum bid shall in no case exceed the amount of the state and county taxes assessed thereon, and the costs and expenses of sale.