

excepted, until all have been offered for sale; and on said day of sale the treasurer shall proceed to make sale in conformity with his said published notice. No piece of such forfeited real estate offered for sale as aforesaid shall be sold for less than the total of the taxes, interest, penalties and costs of sale for which it is then liable, and if no such bid for the same be made, it shall be withdrawn from such public sale; thereafter the County Commissioners of Prince George's county are authorized and empowered to sell the same at public or private sale for such price as they may deem advisable, and upon payment of the whole purchase money for any parcel of forfeited real estate sold as aforesaid, and not before, to the treasurer for the time being, said treasurer shall execute to the purchaser thereof a deed in fee simple. But the owner or owners of any parcel of real estate forfeited, or forfeited and sold, as hereinbefore provided, may at any time prior to the actual payment of the purchase money for such parcel of real estate by the purchaser then pay to the treasurer for the time being the total of all taxes, interest, penalties and costs of sale due and accrued to date on account of, upon and against such parcel of real estate, and thereupon such forfeiture or forfeiture and sale shall cease to be of any force and effect and become null and void, and such owner or owners shall become re-vested of his, her or their former right, title, claim, interest and demand at law or in equity of, in and to such parcel of real estate; the right of redemption hereby given shall apply to any and all forfeitures and forfeitures and sales of real estate, whether heretofore occurred or hereafter to occur, and any and all such redemption heretofore made are hereby ratified and confirmed; and whenever the county treasurer, acting under a formal order in writing of the County Commissioners, has heretofore received and receipted for the taxes, interest, penalties and costs due upon any piece or parcel of ground heretofore sold to the County Commissioners, for want of a satisfactory bid, the forfeiture of said property shall thereupon cease as fully as if said property had not been so sold to the said County Commissioners upon such redemption; the treasurer, for the time being, shall enter upon the proper books of his office and upon the report of sale relating to such parcel of real estate redeemed, the date and fact of such redemption. The County Commissioners of Prince George's county are also authorized to refund to any delinquent taxpayer or taxpayers the residue of the proceeds of sale of his, her or their parcel of real estate heretofore or hereafter forfeited and sold as aforesaid, after deducting therefrom penalties and costs of sale due and accrued on account of, upon and against such parcel at the time of the sale thereof, and the

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Date of
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