

Preamble. WHEREAS, Without statutory enactment upon that subject, the said County Commissioners have no authority to buy or convey such properties; and

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New sections added. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That additional sections be added to the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "Treasurer," to come in after section 236 A of said Article, to be designated as sections 236 B, 236 C, 236 D and 236 E of said Article, and to read as follows:

Sales ratified. 236 B. All purchases of real estate heretofore made by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county from the respective treasurers of said county, at tax sales for State and county taxes in default, be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and legalized, as to the vesting in said County Commissioners of the title of the properties so purchased, subject to the ratification of such sales by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county.

Purchase property. 236 C. The said Commissioners of Anne Arundel county be and they are hereby authorized, in case of any future sales of property at tax sales for default in the payment of taxes, to purchase such property and acquire title to and convey the same to purchasers as if they were a natural person; provided, however, that in case of such purchase by the said County Commissioners, that it shall not be lawful for them to pay for such property a greater amount than the State and county taxes in default, and the costs of sale, ratification and conveyance.

Deed made directly from treasurer to party. 236 D. Whenever the said County Commissioners shall make such purchases as aforesaid, and the sale shall have been reported to the court by the treasurer and ratified, and that no deed of conveyance has been made to the County Commissioners by said treasurer, and the said County Commissioners shall sell such property to a *bona fide* purchaser before the same has been conveyed by muniment of title to them, that it shall be lawful upon the filing of a joint agreement in the proceedings, signed by the purchaser and the said County Commissioners, to have a deed made directly from the treasurer to the party so purchasing such property from the County Commissioners, and upon the filing of said agreement in the pro-