

## CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT to repeal Section 116G of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Prince George's County," sub-title, "County Treasurer," as repealed and re-enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Acts of 1902, Chapter 469, and to re-enact the same, with amendments, relating to properties sold to, and forfeited to, said county on account of defaulted State and County taxes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 116G of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Prince George's County," sub-title, "County Treasurer," as repealed and re-enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Acts of 1902, Chapter 469, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, as follows:

116G. No piece of real estate, offered at tax sale, shall be sold for less than the total of the taxes, interest, penalties and costs of sale for which it is liable; and if such a bid for the same be not made, it shall be sold to the County Commissioners of Prince George's County for such total amount thereof. In such case it shall remain on the assessment books of the county and be taxed as other properties thereon, but not be resold at the succeeding annual tax sales. Report of such sale and final ratification thereof shall be made and had, as hereinbefore provided, in the matter of tax sales generally; and if such real estate so sold be not redeemed within the two years allowed therefor by the payment of the purchase money, with interest on the same at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, and of all subsequent taxes, interest and penalties accrued thereon, it shall thereupon be forfeited to, and a good fee-simple title to the same be vested in the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, without the execution of any deed therefor. Each piece of property so forfeited shall be removed from said County assessment books and be entered in a book to be provided for the purpose, to be called "Prince George's County's Tax-sale Properties," and to be kept in the office of the County Commissioners of Prince George's County as a public record thereof, and thereafter said properties, while the properties of Prince George's County, shall not be listed, assessed, advertised or sold in the annual tax sales for defaulted taxes to be held and begun on the first Monday of March in each year, but upon sale of any parcel thereof by said County Commis-