

son, persons or corporations shall within the period of five years from the date of the final ratification of such auditor's report establish their claims by good and sufficient legal proof, the said balances shall be declared and considered as forfeited absolutely to the County. The said Treasurer of Charles County is authorized and empowered upon the passage of this Act to turn over to the County Commissioners of Charles County all surplus funds in his possession which have accumulated over a period of years, representing the surplus from previous tax sales unclaimed by the parties entitled thereto, the County Commissioners to apply such funds so received to the general funds of the County, subject, however, to the claims of any person, persons or corporations to said balance within the period hereinbefore set forth. And it shall be the duty of the clerk of the County Commissioners, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and all other officers or other persons, to perform all the duties upon their parts required by law prior to the enactment of this Act, and the Acts of which it is amendatory, in relation to or in aid of the duties of the office of treasurer as were formerly required by them in respect to the office of State and county collectors of taxes in said county. The clerk of Circuit Court, upon receiving from the treasurer a list of the real estate about to be advertised and sold for taxes, shall verify the said treasurer's list by reference to the libers and folios set out in the treasurer's list from the records in the clerk's office. The said clerk shall receive a fee of twenty-five cents for verifying each and every reference to the liber and folio set out in the treasurer's list; and the said clerk shall receive five dollars for filing a report of tax sales made by the said treasurer as hereinbefore provided, docketing the same and making other entries relative thereto; all of said fees, as well as other costs and expenses, to be taxed against and collected out of the proceeds of the property sold for taxes. In all cases of sales where exceptions are filed, a separate suit shall be docketed by the clerk on the equity docket, and he shall receive from the party requiring any service therein the same fees allowed for similar services in ordinary equity suits, the said fee, as well as matters of procedure, to be fixed by the court, where otherwise not specifically provided by law, and the exceptions shall be heard by the court in the usual manner that exceptions in chancery are generally heard, except as to the taking of evidence, which shall be in open court, if the court shall so order it; in all matters in the hearing of such exceptions not specifically provided for herein, the court shall hear