

deemed valid unless made upon the premises and appraised upon view; and no levy upon personal property shall be deemed valid unless some portion of it be taken into possession; and whenever real estate is susceptible of division so that a part thereof will sell for enough to pay the taxes due and all costs, the treasurer may, in his discretion, employ a surveyor to divide the same and tax as a part of the costs in such proceedings such compensation for his services as he may consider just, not exceeding the sum of five dollars. Whenever any levy may be made notice thereof, together with a copy of a bill for taxes due, interest and all costs, including that of the levy, shall be delivered to the owner if he be in possession of the property, or be conspicuously posted on the premises, together with a notice that if the said bill for taxes, interest and costs be not paid within thirty days, the property levied upon will be sold at public sale, and the said treasurer is authorized to expose any property so levied upon at public sale at the expiration of thirty days, after having first given twenty days' notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement in one newspaper published at Towson, and by printed handbills publicly posted on the courthouse door, and at least ten places in the district where the property is located, one of such notices to be placed upon the premises. Personal property may be sold upon ten days' notice by handbills so posted in the district and at the courthouse door. Any advertised notice of sale under the provisions of this section shall be deemed sufficient if it contains the hour and place, the year or years for which taxes are due, to whom assessed, the district where located, the quantity of land, if there be record evidence thereof, and a reference to the book or folio where the deed for said property may be found, and the date of the deed. In no case shall a description by metes and bounds be necessary, nor shall a greater sum than four dollars be paid for any newspaper advertisement thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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