

## CHAPTER 390

(House Bill 996)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 207 and 209 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "County Treasurer," said sections having been last amended by Chapter 305 of the Acts of 1957, to provide that real property sold at tax sales in Queen Anne's County shall be subject to certain easements, restrictions and dedications and declaring this Act to be an emergency measure.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 207 and 209 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "County Treasurer," as said sections were last amended by Chapter 305 of the Acts of 1957, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 207.

The said County Treasurer shall within thirty days after the close of such sales report the same to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in Equity, setting forth in a brief and concise manner his proceedings in the premises, showing to whom and at what price such several parcels were respectively sold, the amount of taxes and interest accrued, the pro rata cost of advertising such sale, the County Treasurer's fees and all other charges, costs, fees, and expenses, incident to said sale and the surplus fund in each instance with which report he shall file a certified copy of the printed notice of sale, and he shall not be required to file with said report any copy or certified copy of the list or published list of delinquents or other notices, but the affidavit of the said County Treasurer as to the due publication of the list of delinquents and the mailing and/or delivery of notices to the delinquents shall be sufficient and prima facie as to the performance thereof, which said affidavit shall be appended to said report. The said Court shall examine the said proceedings, and if the said proceedings appear to be regular and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been substantially complied with, shall enter in one Order Nisi, similar to and published in the same manner as in the case of judicial sales by trustees, warning all persons interested in the property sold to appear on or before the day designated in such order to show cause why the same should not be finally ratified and confirmed on a day to be designated in said order which shall not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of the order. The purchaser at any such sale shall be deemed to be a party in interest in the same manner as a purchaser at an ordinary judicial sale. Such Order Nisi shall be published in such manner as the Court shall direct but not less than once a week for four successive weeks. After hearing exceptions, if any, the Court in its discretion shall in one order finally ratify and confirm all sales so made and then entitled to be ratified and confirmed [ , and the ]. *The purchaser or purchasers of said property shall, if having fully complied with the terms of sale, have a fee simple title to the said property, but subject to (1) any easement or restriction established prior to the time when the taxes for which the property is sold became a lien pursuant to Section 218E, by judgment, decree or*