

section. Therefore, the present references to a suit "for collection of ... taxes ... in the name of" the appropriate officer are omitted as unnecessary.

In item (2)(i) and (3)(i) of this section, the defined term "governing body" is substituted for the present references to "county commissioners" and "corporate name", respectively, for clarity.

In item (2)(ii) and (3)(ii) of this section, the phrase "with a designation of authority" is substituted for the present reference to "describing himself always as such", for clarity.

In item (3) of this section, the defined term "municipal corporation" is substituted for the present reference to a "city", for clarity.

Throughout this section the defined term "collector" is substituted for present references to phrases such as "officer authorized by law to collect", for clarity.

The provisions of present Art. 81, § 207, which relate to the naming of a substitute plaintiff are omitted as obsolete in light of the Maryland Rules.

Defined terms: "Collector" § 1-101
 "County" § 1-101 "Governing body" § 1-101
 "Law" § 1-101 "Municipal corporation" § 1-101
 "Person" § 1-101

14-869. JUDICIAL PROCEEDING GENERALLY.

(A) TIME OF TRIAL.

IF THE PLAINTIFF IN AN ACTION UNDER § 14-866 OF THIS SUBTITLE REQUESTS, THE CASE SHALL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AS SOON AS THE CASE IS AT ISSUE, AND SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER CIVIL CASES.

(B) CERTIFICATE OF COLLECTOR IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.

(1) IN AN ACTION UNDER § 14-866 THE CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPTROLLER OR OF THE COLLECTOR OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF TAX DUE WITH ALL PENALTIES AND INTEREST:

(I) IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE TO ENTITLE THE PLAINTIFF TO JUDGMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX, PENALTY, AND INTEREST; AND

(II) SHALL GIVE THE DEFENDANT THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT THE TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR ANY OTHER SUFFICIENT DEFENSE.