

collector is entitled to a refund of the claim from the taxing agency with interest [at 6% a year]. The collector shall proceed to a new sale of the property under this subtitle and shall include in the new sale all taxes that were included in the void sale, and all unpaid taxes that accrued after the date of sale declared void.

[14-854.] 14-849.

Any person who acquires a deed to property under this subtitle is entitled to issuance of a writ for possession of the property under the Maryland Rules as if the person had obtained a judgment awarding possession of the property.

[14-855.] 14-850.

Any act, whether public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of Parts I through III of this subtitle, is repealed to the extent of the inconsistency; but all laws repealed by this subtitle shall nevertheless remain in force in respect to any tax sale made or instituted before December 31, 1943. Any tax sales made or instituted after December 31, 1943, shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of Parts I through III of this subtitle. However, all laws repealed by this subtitle shall nevertheless remain in force with respect to any tax sales made or instituted in Allegany County on or before July 1, 1984. Any tax sales made or instituted after July 1, 1984 in Allegany County shall be made only as provided under this subtitle.

[14-857.]

This subtitle is not applicable to Washington County in which tax sales are conducted according to the procedures provided in the local public laws of that county. Any tax sale made after July 1, 1956, under the applicable provisions of the local public laws of Washington County is hereby confirmed, ratified, and declared valid.]

[14-858.] 14-851.

When land is sold to pay county or State taxes, or both, assessed on the land and in default, and the owner of the land at the time of the tax sale, the owner's heirs, devisees, or assigns, severally, jointly or in continuous successive ownership have held the land sold in adverse possession for 7 years after the final ratification of the tax sale and before action or suit is brought, and prosecuted by the purchaser at the tax sale, the purchaser's heirs, devisees, or assigns to obtain possession of the land, the possession is a bar to all right, title, claim, interest, estate, demand, right of entry, and right of action of the purchaser or the purchaser's heirs, devisees, or assigns derived from the tax sale as to the land held in possession. This section applies to all tax sales except for tax sales made and ratified on or before the 1st day of May, in the year 1900,