

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 510 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY ULIANA, FEBRUARY 14, 1997

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled,
 2 as amended, "An act amending, revising and consolidating the
 3 laws relating to delinquent county, city, except of the first
 4 and second class and second class A, borough, town, township,
 5 school district, except of the first class and school
 6 districts within cities of the second class A, and
 7 institution district taxes, providing when, how and upon what
 8 property, and to what extent liens shall be allowed for such
 9 taxes, the return and entering of claims therefor; the
 10 collection and adjudication of such claims, sales of real
 11 property, including seated and unseated lands, subject to the
 12 lien of such tax claims; the disposition of the proceeds
 13 thereof, including State taxes and municipal claims recovered
 14 and the redemption of property; providing for the discharge
 15 and divestiture by certain tax sales of all estates in
 16 property and of mortgages and liens on such property, and the
 17 proceedings therefor; creating a Tax Claim Bureau in each
 18 county, except counties of the first and second class, to act
 19 as agent for taxing districts; defining its powers and
 20 duties, including sales of property, the management of
 21 property taken in sequestration, and the management, sale and
 22 disposition of property heretofore sold to the county
 23 commissioners, taxing districts and trustees at tax sales;
 24 providing a method for the service of process and notices;
 25 imposing duties on taxing districts and their officers and on
 26 tax collectors, and certain expenses on counties and for
 27 their reimbursement by taxing districts; and repealing
 28 existing laws," restricting the rights of certain persons to
 29 bid on property subject to sale under this act.

30 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

31 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. The act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known
2 as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, is amended by adding a section
3 to read:

4 Section 619. Restrictions on Purchases.--(a) A person shall
5 not be permitted to bid on properties sold under the provisions
6 of this act if, within the municipal jurisdiction, the person is
7 delinquent in paying real estate taxes or the person has
8 municipal utility bills that are more than one year outstanding.

9 (b) As used in this section, the following terms shall have
10 the following meanings:

11 "Delinquent," taxes shall be considered delinquent thirty
12 (30) days after the final deadline for payment of such taxes for
13 the current tax year.

14 "Municipal," refers to any county, city, borough,
15 incorporated town, township, home rule municipality, optional
16 plan municipality, optional charter municipality or any similar
17 general purpose unit of government which may be authorized by
18 statute.

19 "Person," includes a corporation, partnership, limited
20 liability company, business trust, other association, government
21 entity, other than the Commonwealth, estate, trust, foundation
22 or natural person.

23 Section 2. This act shall apply to all sales conducted on or
24 after the effective date of this act.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.