

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 907 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY ROSS, HARPER, GINGRICH, FREEMAN AND M. DALEY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 8, 2015

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," in short title and definitions, further
 29 providing for definitions.

30 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 31 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368,
2 No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, is amended by
3 adding a definition to read:

4 Section 102. Definitions.--As used in this act, the
5 following words shall be construed as herein defined, unless the
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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8 "Posted" or "posting," the following:

9 (1) In the case of property containing assessed
10 improvements, affixing notices as required by this act:

11 (i) To a portion of an improvement situated to be reasonably
12 conspicuous to both the owner and the general public.

13 (ii) To a stake secured on or adjacent to the property,
14 within approximately twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance to
15 the property in a manner situated to be reasonably conspicuous
16 to both the owner and general public, in cases in which
17 subclause (i) does not apply.

18 (iii) Adjacent to the property line, on a stake secured on
19 or adjacent to the property in a manner reasonably conspicuous
20 to the owner and general public in cases in which subclauses (i)
21 and (ii) do not apply.

22 (2) In the case of property containing no assessed
23 improvements, affixing notices as required by this act:

24 (i) To a stake secured on or adjacent to the property,
25 within approximately twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance to
26 the property in a manner situated to be reasonably conspicuous
27 to both the owner and general public.

28 (ii) Adjacent to the property line, on a stake secured on or
29 adjacent to the property in a manner reasonably conspicuous to
30 the owner and general public in cases in which subclause (i)

1 does not apply.

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3 Section 2. The addition of the definition of "posted" or
4 "posting" in section 102 of the act shall not be construed to
5 affect the posting of property prior to the effective date of
6 this section.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.