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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 140.010, 140.190, 140.250, 140.420, 140.980, 140.981, 140.982, 140.983, 140.984, 140.985, 140.986, 140.987, 140.988, 140.991, 140.994, 140.995, 140.1000, 140.1009, 140.1012, 141.220, 141.230, 141.250, 141.270, 141.290, 141.300, 141.320, 141.330, 141.360, 141.410, 141.440, 141.500, 141.520, 141.535, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570, 141.580, 141.610, 141.620, 141.680, 141.700, 141.819, 141.980, 141.984, 141.1009, 141.1020, and 249.255, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty-eight new sections relating to unpaid taxes and fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 140.010, 140.190, 140.250, 140.420,
2 140.980, 140.981, 140.982, 140.983, 140.984, 140.985, 140.986,
3 140.987, 140.988, 140.991, 140.994, 140.995, 140.1000,
4 140.1009, 140.1012, 141.220, 141.230, 141.250, 141.270,
5 141.290, 141.300, 141.320, 141.330, 141.360, 141.410, 141.440,
6 141.500, 141.520, 141.535, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570,
7 141.580, 141.610, 141.620, 141.680, 141.700, 141.819, 141.980,
8 141.984, 141.1009, 141.1020, and 249.255, RSMo, are repealed
9 and forty-eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
10 known as sections 140.010, 140.190, 140.250, 140.420, 140.980,
11 140.981, 140.982, 140.983, 140.984, 140.985, 140.986, 140.987,
12 140.988, 140.991, 140.994, 140.995, 140.1000, 140.1009,
13 140.1012, 141.220, 141.230, 141.250, 141.270, 141.290, 141.300,
14 141.320, 141.330, 141.360, 141.410, 141.440, 141.500, 141.520,
15 141.535, 141.540, 141.550, 141.560, 141.570, 141.580, 141.610,

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 141.620, 141.680, 141.700, 141.819, 141.980, 141.984, 141.1009,
17 141.1020, and 249.255, to read as follows:

140.010. 1. All real estate upon which the taxes
2 remain unpaid on the first day of January, annually, are
3 delinquent, and the county collector shall enforce the lien
4 of the state thereon, as required by this chapter. Any
5 failure to properly return the delinquent list, as required
6 by this chapter, in no way affects the validity of the
7 assessment and levy of taxes, nor of the foreclosure and
8 sale by which the collection of the taxes is enforced, nor
9 in any manner affects the lien of the state on the
10 delinquent real estate for the taxes unpaid thereon.

11 2. Alternatively, any county may, by adoption of a
12 resolution or order of the county commission of such county,
13 elect to operate under the provisions of sections 141.210 to
14 141.810 for any parcel [for which there is an unpaid tax
15 bill for a period of at least two years after the date on
16 which it became delinquent]. Any county electing to operate
17 as such shall be called a "partial opt-in county". No
18 county eligible to establish a land bank agency under
19 subsection 1 of section 140.981 shall elect to operate as a
20 partial opt-in county unless the county first elects to
21 establish a land bank agency as provided in subsection 1 of
22 section 140.981. In accordance with section 141.290, after
23 the adoption of such resolution or order by a county
24 commission, the collector of the county shall decide which
25 tax delinquent parcels shall proceed according to the
26 provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810. Such parcels
27 shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 140.030 to
28 140.722. The collector shall remove such parcels from any
29 list of parcels advertised for first, second, third, or post-
30 third sales.

140.190. 1. On the day mentioned in the notice, the
2 county collector shall commence the sale of such lands, and
3 shall continue the same from day to day until each parcel
4 assessed or belonging to each person assessed shall be sold
5 as will pay the taxes, interest, and charges thereon, or
6 chargeable to such person in said county.

7 2. (1) The person or land bank agency offering at
8 said sale to pay the required sum for a tract shall be
9 considered the purchaser of such land; provided, no sale
10 shall be made to any person or designated agent who:

11 (a) Is currently delinquent on any tax payments on any
12 property, other than a delinquency on the property being
13 offered for sale, and who does not sign an affidavit stating
14 such at the time of sale. Failure to sign such affidavit as
15 well as signing a false affidavit may invalidate such sale;

16 (b) Is a member of the governing body of a land bank
17 agency;

18 (c) Is an employee of a land bank agency;

19 (d) Is an elected or appointed official of the
20 governing body, or an employee of such official, of the
21 political subdivision in which a land bank agency is
22 located; or

23 (e) Is related within the second degree of
24 consanguinity to a person described in paragraphs (b) to (d)
25 of this subdivision.

26 (2) No bid shall be received from any person not a
27 resident of the state of Missouri or a foreign corporation
28 or entity all deemed nonresidents. A nonresident shall file
29 with said collector an agreement in writing consenting to
30 the jurisdiction of the circuit court of the county in which
31 such sale shall be made, and also filing with such collector
32 an appointment of some citizen of said county as agent of

33 said nonresident, and consenting that service of process on
34 such agent shall give such court jurisdiction to try and
35 determine any suit growing out of or connected with such
36 sale for taxes. After the delinquent auction sale, any
37 certificate of purchase shall be issued to the agent. After
38 meeting the requirements of section 140.405, the property
39 shall be conveyed to the agent on behalf of the nonresident,
40 and the agent shall thereafter convey the property to the
41 nonresident. A collector may preclude a prospective bidder
42 from participating in a sale for failure to comply with any
43 of the provisions of this section.

44 3. All such written consents to jurisdiction and
45 selective appointments shall be preserved by the county
46 collector and shall be binding upon any person or
47 corporation claiming under the person consenting to
48 jurisdiction and making the appointment herein referred to;
49 provided further, that in the event of the death, disability
50 or refusal to act of the person appointed as agent of said
51 nonresident the county clerk shall become the appointee as
52 agent of said nonresident.

53 4. No person residing in any home rule city with more
54 than seventy-one thousand but fewer than seventy-nine
55 thousand inhabitants shall be eligible to offer to purchase
56 lands under this section unless such person has, no later
57 than ten days before the sale date, demonstrated to the
58 satisfaction of the official charged by law with conducting
59 the sale that the person is not the owner of any parcel of
60 real property that has two or more violations of the
61 municipality's building or housing codes. A prospective
62 bidder may make such a demonstration by presenting
63 statements from the appropriate collection and code
64 enforcement officials of the municipality. This subsection

65 shall not apply to any taxing authority or land bank agency,
66 and entities shall be eligible to bid at any sale conducted
67 under this section without making such a demonstration.

140.250. 1. Whenever any lands have been or shall
2 hereafter be offered for sale for delinquent taxes,
3 interest, penalty, and costs by the collector of the proper
4 county for any two successive years and no person shall have
5 bid therefor a sum equal to the delinquent taxes thereon,
6 interest, penalty and costs provided by law, then such
7 county collector shall at the next regular tax sale of lands
8 for delinquent taxes sell same to the highest bidder, except
9 the highest bid shall not be less than the sum equal to the
10 delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and costs, and there
11 shall be a ninety-day period of redemption from such sales
12 as specified in section 140.405.

13 2. A certificate of purchase shall be issued as to
14 such sales, and the purchaser at such sales shall be
15 entitled to the issuance and delivery of a collector's deed
16 upon completion of title search action as specified in
17 section 140.405.

18 3. If any lands or lots are not sold at such third
19 offering, then the collector shall advertise or offer such
20 lands or lots for sale once every thirty days.

21 4. A purchaser at any sale subsequent to the third
22 offering of any land or lots, whether by the collector or a
23 trustee as provided in section 140.260, shall be entitled to
24 the immediate issuance and delivery of a collector's deed
25 and there shall be no period of redemption from such post-
26 third year sales; provided, however, before any purchaser at
27 a sale to which this section is applicable shall be entitled
28 to a collector's deed it shall be the duty of the collector
29 to demand, and the purchaser to pay, in addition to the

30 purchaser's bid, all taxes due and unpaid on such lands or
31 lots that become due and payable on such lands or lots
32 subsequent to the date of the taxes included in such
33 advertisement and sale. The collector's deed or trustee's
34 deed shall have priority over all other liens or
35 encumbrances on the property sold except for real property
36 taxes.

37 5. A purchaser at any sale subsequent to the third
38 offering of any land or lots, whether by the collector or a
39 trustee as provided in section 140.260, may elect to proceed
40 under subsection 1 of this section and subsection 6 of
41 section 140.405 by giving notice to the collector prior to
42 the issuance of a collector's deed.

43 6. In the event the real purchaser at any sale to
44 which this section is applicable shall be the owner of the
45 lands or lots purchased, or shall be obligated to pay the
46 taxes for the nonpayment of which such lands or lots were
47 sold, then no collector's deed shall be issued to such
48 purchaser, or to anyone acting for or on behalf of such
49 purchaser, without payment to the collector of such
50 additional amount as will discharge in full all delinquent
51 taxes, penalty, interest and costs.

140.420. If no person shall redeem the lands sold for
2 taxes prior to the expiration of the right to redeem, at the
3 expiration thereof, and on production of the certificate of
4 purchase and upon proof satisfactory to the collector that a
5 purchaser or the purchaser's heirs, successors, or assigns
6 are authorized to acquire the deed:

7 (1) The collector of the county in which the sale of
8 such lands took place shall execute to the purchaser or the
9 purchaser's heirs or assigns, in the name of the state, a
10 conveyance of the real estate so sold, which shall vest in

11 the grantee an absolute estate in fee simple, subject,
12 however, to all claims thereon for unpaid taxes except such
13 unpaid taxes, existing at time of the purchase of said lands
14 and the lien for which taxes was inferior to the lien for
15 taxes for which said tract or lot of land was sold; and

16 (2) The state of Missouri or any person, taxing
17 authority, tax district, judgment creditor, or lienholder
18 that had a right, title, interest, claim, or equity of
19 redemption on or to the lands or that had a lien upon the
20 lands shall be barred and forever foreclosed of such
21 unclaimed right, title, interest, claim, or equity of
22 redemption in or to the lands and of any lien upon the lands.

140.980. 1. Sections 140.980 to 140.1015 shall be
2 known [and may be cited] as the "Chapter 140 Land Bank Act".

3 2. As used in sections 140.980 to 140.1015, the
4 following terms mean:

5 (1) "Land bank agency", an agency established by a
6 county or municipality under the authority of section
7 140.981;

8 (2) "Land taxes", taxes on real property or real
9 estate, including the taxes both on the land and the
10 improvements thereon;

11 (3) "Municipality", any incorporated city, town, or
12 village in this state;

13 (4) "Political subdivision", any county, city, town,
14 village, school district, library district, or any other
15 public subdivision or public corporation that has the power
16 to tax;

17 (5) "Reserve period taxes", land taxes assessed
18 against any parcel of real estate sold or otherwise disposed
19 of by a land bank agency for the first three tax years
20 following such sale or disposition;

21 (6) "Tax bill", real estate taxes and the lien
22 thereof, whether general or special, levied and assessed by
23 any taxing authority;

24 (7) "Taxing authority", any governmental, managing,
25 administering, or other lawful authority, now or hereafter
26 empowered by law to issue tax bills.

140.981. 1. Any county with more than one million
2 inhabitants may establish a land bank agency for the
3 management, sale, transfer, and other disposition of
4 interests in real estate owned by such land bank agency.
5 Any such county may establish a land bank agency by
6 ordinance, resolution, or rule, as applicable. Such
7 ordinance, resolution, or rule shall specify the name of the
8 land bank agency. No county in which a land bank agency has
9 been established under the provisions of sections 141.980 to
10 141.1015 shall elect to establish a land bank agency under
11 this section.

12 2. Any municipality with more than one thousand five
13 hundred inhabitants not located within a county with more
14 than one million inhabitants may establish a land bank
15 agency for the management, sale, transfer, and other
16 disposition of interests in real estate owned by such land
17 bank agency. A municipality may establish a land bank
18 agency by ordinance, resolution, or rule, as applicable.

19 3. A land bank agency shall not own any interest in
20 real estate located wholly or partially outside the [city]
21 **municipality or county** that established the land bank.

22 4. A land bank agency shall be established for the
23 purpose of returning land, including land that is in a non-
24 revenue-generating, non-tax-producing status, to use in
25 private ownership, or for public use.

26 5. A land bank agency created under the chapter 140
27 land bank act shall be a public body corporate and politic
28 and shall have permanent and perpetual duration until
29 terminated and dissolved in accordance with the provisions
30 of section 140.1012.

140.982. 1. If a county establishes a land bank
2 agency under subsection 1 of section 140.981, the members of
3 the first board of directors of a land bank agency shall be
4 appointed within ninety days after the effective date of the
5 ordinance, resolution, or rule passed establishing such land
6 bank agency. [If any appointing authority fails to make any
7 appointment of a board member within the time the first
8 appointments are required, the appointment shall be made by
9 the county council.] The following requirements shall apply
10 to the board of directors:

11 (1) The board of directors shall consist of seven
12 members **appointed by the county executive under the**
13 **authority vested in that office by the county charter:**

14 (a) Two of whom shall [be appointed by the county
15 executive, one of whom shall] have professional expertise
16 relevant to the land bank agency;

17 (b) One of whom shall [be appointed by the member of
18 the county council representing the] **represent the county**
19 **council of the** district with the highest number of tax
20 delinquent parcels. Such board member shall maintain a
21 primary residence within such district;

22 (c) One of whom shall [be appointed by the member of
23 the county council representing the] **represent the county**
24 **council of the** district with the second highest number of
25 tax delinquent parcels. Such board member shall maintain a
26 primary residence within such district;

27 (d) One of whom shall [be appointed by consensus of
28 the county executive and the president of] **represent** the
29 municipal league of the county; and

30 (e) Two of whom shall be resident representatives.
31 Resident representatives shall be appointed by a majority
32 vote of the other board members, and each resident
33 representative shall maintain a primary residence within one
34 of the twenty municipalities containing the highest
35 percentage of tax delinquent parcels;

36 (2) The term of office of a member shall be four
37 years. Each member's primary residence shall be in the
38 county that has established the land bank agency. Each
39 member serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing
40 authority, may be an employee of the appointing authority,
41 and shall serve without compensation;

42 (3) No public officer shall be eligible to serve as a
43 board member. For purposes of this subdivision, "public
44 officer" means a person who is holding an elected public
45 office. Any public employee shall be eligible to serve as a
46 board member;

47 (4) The members of the board shall select annually
48 from among themselves a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer,
49 and such other officers as the board may determine and shall
50 establish the officers' duties, as may be regulated by rules
51 adopted by the board;

52 (5) The board shall establish rules and requirements
53 relative to the attendance and participation of members in
54 its meetings, regular or special. Such rules and
55 regulations may prescribe a procedure whereby, if any member
56 fails to comply with such rules and regulations, such member
57 may be disqualified and removed automatically from office by
58 no less than a majority vote of the remaining members of the

59 board, and that member's position shall be vacant as of the
60 first day of the next calendar month. Any person removed
61 under the provisions of this subdivision shall be ineligible
62 for reappointment to the board unless such reappointment is
63 confirmed unanimously by the board;

64 (6) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same
65 manner as the original appointment[. If any appointing
66 authority fails to make any appointment of a board member
67 within sixty days after any term expires, the appointment
68 shall be made by the county council] **within sixty days and**
69 **shall be done in compliance with the county charter;**

70 (7) Board members shall serve without compensation.
71 The board may reimburse any member for expenses actually
72 incurred in the performance of duties on behalf of the land
73 bank agency;

74 (8) The board shall have the power to organize and
75 reorganize the executive, administrative, clerical, and
76 other departments of the land bank agency and to fix the
77 duties, powers, and compensation of all employees, agents,
78 and consultants of the land bank agency;

79 (9) The board shall meet in regular session according
80 to a schedule adopted by the board and also shall meet in
81 special session as convened by the chair or upon written
82 notice signed by a majority of the members. The presence of
83 a majority of total membership, excluding vacancies, shall
84 constitute a quorum;

85 (10) All actions of the board shall be approved by the
86 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of that board
87 present and voting. However, no action of the board shall
88 be authorized on the following matters unless approved by a
89 majority of the total board membership:

90 (a) Adoption, amendment, or repeal of bylaws and other
91 rules and regulations for conduct of the land bank agency's
92 business;

93 (b) Hiring or firing of any employee or contractor of
94 the land bank agency. This function may, by majority vote,
95 be delegated by the board to a specified officer or
96 committee of the land bank agency under such terms and
97 conditions and to the extent that the board may specify;

98 (c) Adoption or amendment of the annual budget; and

99 (d) Sale, encumbrance, or alienation of real property,
100 improvements, or personal property;

101 (11) The governing body of the county establishing a
102 land bank agency may incur debt, including, without
103 limitation, borrowing moneys and issuing bonds, notes, or
104 other obligations to provide funding for the land bank
105 agency;

106 (12) Members of a board shall not be liable personally
107 on the bonds or other obligations of the land bank agency,
108 and the rights of creditors shall be solely against such
109 land bank agency; and

110 (13) Vote by proxy shall not be permitted. Any member
111 may request a recorded vote on any resolution or action of
112 the land bank agency.

113 2. If a municipality establishes a land bank agency
114 under subsection 1 of section 140.981, the ordinance,
115 resolution, or rule, as applicable, may specify the
116 following:

117 (1) The name of the land bank agency;

118 (2) The number of members of the board of directors,
119 which shall consist of an odd number of members and shall be
120 no fewer than five members nor more than eleven members;

121 (3) The initial individuals to serve as members of the
122 board of directors and the length of terms for which the
123 members are to serve; and

124 (4) The qualifications, manner of selection or
125 appointment, **powers**, and terms of office of members of the
126 board.

127 3. A land bank agency may employ a secretary, an
128 executive director, its own counsel and legal staff,
129 technical experts, and other agents and employees, permanent
130 or temporary, as it may require and may determine the
131 qualifications and fix the compensation and benefits of such
132 persons. A land bank agency may also enter into contracts
133 and agreements with political subdivisions for staffing
134 services to be provided to the land bank agency by political
135 subdivisions or agencies or departments thereof, or for a
136 land bank agency to provide such staffing services to
137 political subdivisions or agencies or departments thereof.

 140.983. A land bank agency established under the
2 chapter 140 land bank act shall have all powers necessary or
3 appropriate to carry out and effectuate the purposes and
4 provisions of the chapter 140 land bank act, including the
5 following powers in addition to those herein otherwise
6 granted:

7 (1) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the
8 regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

9 (2) To sue and be sued, in its own name, and plead and
10 be impleaded in all civil actions including, but not limited
11 to, actions to clear title to property of the land bank
12 agency;

13 (3) To adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure;

14 (4) To borrow from the political subdivision
15 establishing the land bank agency, as may be necessary for
16 the operation and work of the land bank agency;

17 (5) To procure insurance or guarantees from political
18 subdivisions, the state, the federal government, or any
19 other public or private sources of the payment of any bond,
20 note, loan, or other obligation, or portion thereof,
21 incurred by the land bank agency and to pay any fees or
22 premiums in connection therewith;

23 (6) To enter into contracts and other instruments
24 necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of
25 its duties and the exercise of its powers including, but not
26 limited to, agreements with other land bank agencies and
27 with political subdivisions for the joint exercise of powers
28 under this chapter;

29 (7) To enter into contracts and other instruments
30 necessary, incidental, or convenient to:

31 (a) The performance of functions by the land bank
32 agency on behalf of political subdivisions, or agencies or
33 departments thereof; or

34 (b) The performance by political subdivisions, or
35 agencies or departments thereof, of functions on behalf of
36 the land bank agency;

37 (8) To make and execute contracts and other
38 instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the
39 powers of the land bank agency;

40 (9) To procure insurance against losses in connection
41 with the property, assets, or activities of the land bank
42 agency;

43 (10) To invest the [moneys] **money** of the land bank
44 agency in the same manner as moneys are invested by the
45 state treasurer, including amounts deposited in reserve or

sinking funds, at the discretion of the land bank agency in obligations or property determined proper by the land bank agency and to name and use depositories for its moneys;

(11) To enter into contracts for the management of or the sale of the property of the land bank agency;

(12) To design, develop for public use, construct, demolish, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, relocate, equip, furnish, and otherwise improve real property or rights or interests in real property held by the land bank agency;

(13) To acquire property, whether by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, or otherwise, except not property not wholly located in the county or municipality that established the land bank agency; to grant or acquire licenses and easements; and to sell, grant an option with respect to, or otherwise dispose of, any property of the land bank agency;

(14) To enter into partnerships, joint ventures, and other collaborative relationships with political subdivisions and other public and private entities for the management, development, and disposition of real property, except not for property not wholly located in the county or municipality that established the land bank agency; and

(15) Subject to the other provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws, to do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the land bank agency or other laws that relate to the purposes and responsibility of the land bank agency.

140.984. 1. The income of a land bank agency shall be exempt from all taxation by the state and by any of its political subdivisions. Upon acquiring title to any real estate, a land bank agency shall immediately notify the

5 county assessor and the county collector of such ownership;
6 all taxes, special taxes, fines, and fees on such real
7 estate shall be deemed satisfied by transfer to the land
8 bank agency; and such property shall be exempt from all
9 taxation during the land bank agency's ownership thereof, in
10 the same manner and to the same extent as any other publicly
11 owned real estate. Upon the sale or other disposition of
12 any real estate held by it, the land bank agency shall
13 immediately notify the county assessor and the county
14 collector of such change of ownership. However, that such
15 tax exemption for improved and occupied real property held
16 by the land bank agency as a lessor pursuant to a ground
17 lease shall terminate upon the first occupancy[, and]. The
18 land bank agency shall immediately notify the county
19 assessor and the county collector of such occupancy.

20 2. A land bank agency may acquire real property by
21 gift, devise, transfer, exchange, foreclosure, purchase, or
22 pursuant to sections 141.560 to 141.580 or section 141.819,
23 except a land bank agency shall not acquire property located
24 partially or wholly outside the boundaries of the county or
25 municipality that established such land bank agency.

26 3. A land bank agency may acquire property by purchase
27 contracts, lease purchase agreements, installment sales
28 contracts, and land contracts and may accept transfers from
29 political subdivisions upon such terms and conditions as
30 agreed to by the land bank agency and the political
31 subdivision. A land bank agency may bid on any parcel of
32 real estate offered for sale, offered at a foreclosure sale
33 under sections 140.220 to 140.250, offered at a sale
34 conducted under section 140.190, 140.240, or 140.250, or
35 offered at a foreclosure sale under section 141.550.

36 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any political

subdivision may transfer to the land bank agency real property and interests in real property of the political subdivision on such terms and conditions and according to such procedures as determined by the political subdivision.

4. A land bank agency shall maintain all of its real property in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the jurisdictions in which the real property is located.

5. Upon issuance of a deed to a parcel of real estate to a land bank agency under subsection 4 of section 140.250, subsection 5 of section 140.405, other sale conducted under section 140.190, 140.240, or 140.250, or section 141.550, the land bank agency shall pay only the amount of the land bank agency's bid that exceeds the amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, taxes, and costs then due thereon. If the real estate is acquired in a delinquent land tax auction under subsection 4 of section 140.250, subsection 5 of section 140.405, or other sale conducted under section 140.190, 140.240, or 140.250, such excess shall be applied and distributed in accordance with section 140.230. If the real estate is acquired in a delinquent land tax auction under section 141.550, such excess shall be applied and distributed in accordance with subsections 3 and 4 of section 141.580, exclusive of subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 141.580. Upon issuance of a deed, the county collector shall mark the tax bills included in the judgment as "cancelled by sale to the land bank" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on the county collector's books and in the county collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.

68 6. A land bank shall not own real property unless the
69 property is wholly located within the boundaries of the
70 county or municipality that established the land bank agency.

71 7. Within one year of the effective date of the
72 ordinance, resolution, or rule passed establishing a
73 municipal land bank agency under subsection 2 of section
74 140.981, the title to any real property that is located
75 wholly within the municipality that created the land bank
76 agency and that is held by a land trust created under
77 subsection 1 of section 141.819 shall be transferred by deed
78 from the land trust to such land bank agency, at the land
79 bank agency's request.

 140.985. 1. A land bank agency shall hold in its own
2 name all real property acquired by such land bank agency,
3 irrespective of the identity of the transferor of such
4 property.

5 2. A land bank agency shall maintain and make
6 available for public review and inspection an inventory and
7 history of all real property the land bank agency holds or
8 formerly held. This inventory and history shall be
9 available on the land bank agency's website and include at a
10 minimum:

- 11 (1) Whether a parcel is available for sale;
- 12 (2) The address of the parcel if an address has been
13 assigned;
- 14 (3) The parcel number if no address has been assigned;
- 15 (4) The month and year that a parcel entered the land
16 bank agency's inventory;
- 17 (5) Whether a parcel has sold;
- 18 (6) If a parcel has sold, the name of the person or
19 entity to which it was sold; and

(7) Whether the parcel was acquired by the land bank agency through judicial foreclosure, nonjudicial foreclosure, donation, or some other manner.

3. The land bank agency shall determine and set forth in policies and procedures the general terms and conditions for consideration to be received by the land bank agency for the transfer of real property and interests in real property. Consideration may take the form of monetary payments and secured financial obligations, covenants, and conditions related to the present and future use of the property; contractual commitments of the transferee; and such other forms of consideration as the land bank agency determines to be in the best interest of the land bank agency.

4. A land bank agency may convey, exchange, sell, transfer, grant, release and demise, pledge, and hypothecate any and all interests in, upon, or to property of the land bank agency. A land bank agency may gift any interest in, upon, or to property to the county or municipality that established the land bank agency.

5. A county or municipality may, in its resolution, ordinance, or rule creating a land bank agency, establish a hierarchical ranking of priorities for the use of real property conveyed by such land bank agency, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Use for purely public spaces and places;
- (2) Use as wildlife conservation areas;
- (3) Use as a green field area; and
- (4) To return to private use.

If a county or municipality, in its resolution, ordinance, or rule creating a land bank agency, establishes priorities

51 for the use of real property conveyed by the land bank
52 agency, such priorities shall be consistent with and no more
53 restrictive than municipal planning and zoning ordinances.

54 6. The land bank agency may delegate to officers and
55 employees the authority to enter into and execute
56 agreements, instruments of conveyance, and all other related
57 documents pertaining to the conveyance of property by the
58 land bank agency.

59 7. Any property sold by a land bank agency that was
60 acquired through purchase, transfer, exchange, or gift shall
61 be sold.

62 8. When any parcel of real estate acquired by a land
63 bank agency is sold or otherwise disposed of by such land
64 bank agency, the proceeds therefrom shall be applied and
65 distributed in the following order:

66 (1) To the payment of the expenses of the sale;

67 (2) To fulfill the requirements of the resolution,
68 indenture, or other financing documents adopted or entered
69 into in connection with bonds, notes, or other obligations
70 of the land bank agency, to the extent that such
71 requirements may apply with respect to such parcel of real
72 estate;

73 (3) To the land bank agency to pay the salaries and
74 other expenses of such land bank agency and of its employees
75 as provided for in its annual budget; and

76 (4) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the
77 expenses of the annual budget of the land bank agency in any
78 fiscal year and a reasonable sum to carry over into the next
79 fiscal year to assure that sufficient funds will be
80 available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year
81 shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities that, at
82 the time of the distribution, are taxing the real property

83 from which the proceeds are being distributed. The
84 distributions shall be in proportion to the amounts of the
85 taxes levied on the properties by the taxing authorities.
86 Distribution shall be made on January first and July first
87 of each year, and at such other times as the land bank
88 agency may determine.

140.986. 1. No later than five years from the date it
2 acquired the property, a land bank agency shall either sell,
3 put to a productive use, or show significant progress
4 towards selling or putting **the property** to a productive use
5 **[a parcel of real property]**. A productive use may be
6 demolishing all structures of the property or using the
7 property for a community garden, park, or other open public
8 space. No later than eight years from the date it acquired
9 the property, a land bank agency shall sell, clear, or put
10 such property to public use.

11 2. The governing body of the county or municipality
12 may grant the land bank agency a one-year extension if the
13 body determines by a majority vote that unforeseen
14 circumstances have delayed the sale or productive use of a
15 parcel of property.

16 3. If a land bank agency owns a parcel of real
17 property that does not have a productive use after five
18 years, or does not receive an extension under subsection 2
19 of this section, the property shall be offered for public
20 sale using the procedures under sections 140.170 to 140.190.

140.987. 1. A land bank agency shall require that any
2 buyer demonstrate that the buyer is not the owner of any
3 parcel of real estate within the county or municipality that
4 created the land bank agency for which a tax bill has been
5 delinquent for more than one year or is in violation of any
6 municipal building or housing code**[, and is not the original**

7 owner or relative of such owner within the second degree of
8 consanguinity of the parcel sold, transferred, exchanged, or
9 gifted to the land bank agency¹.

10 2. No foreign or domestic corporation or limited
11 liability company that has failed to appoint or maintain a
12 registered agent under chapter 347 or 351 shall be eligible
13 to buy property from the land bank agency. No foreign
14 corporate entity shall be eligible to buy property from the
15 land bank agency unless it has a certificate of authority to
16 transact business in Missouri under section 351.572.

17 3. As a condition of the sale or other authorized
18 conveyance of ownership of any parcel of land owned by the
19 land bank agency to a private owner, such owner may be
20 required to enter into a contract, which may be secured by a
21 deed of trust in favor of the land bank agency, stipulating
22 that such owner or the owner's successor agrees that such
23 owner or the owner's successor make certain improvements to
24 the parcel. If the land bank agency finds by resolution
25 that the terms of the contract have not been satisfied, the
26 land bank agency shall be authorized to bring suit to
27 recover damages for the breach and to seek a judicial
28 foreclosure of the parcel under sections 443.190 to 443.260,
29 except that upon final judgment of the court, title shall
30 revert to the land bank agency without necessity of sale.
31 As an alternative to, or in addition to, seeking a judicial
32 foreclosure, the land bank agency may, only by gift, assign
33 or convey its right to foreclose under sections 443.190 to
34 443.260 to any 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization
35 or exercise the right of reentry under chapter 524, 527, or
36 534. The land bank agency or its assignee shall assume
37 title to the land by filing a copy of the judgment with the
38 recorder of deeds in the county where the property is

39 located. Any property redeemed by the land bank agency
40 under the provisions of this section shall be administered
41 in the same manner as other property sold to the land bank
42 agency.

140.988. 1. (1) A land bank agency may receive
2 funding through grants and gifts from political
3 subdivisions, the state, the federal government, and other
4 public and private sources.

5 (2) A land bank agency may receive funding through
6 gifts from any source, provided that the land bank agency
7 shall not sell or otherwise transfer by any means any real
8 property held by the land bank agency to the entity from
9 which the land bank agency received a gift [pursuant to this
10 subdivision].

11 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7 of
12 section 140.985, a land bank agency may receive and retain
13 payments for services rendered, for consideration for
14 disposition of real and personal property, for proceeds of
15 insurance coverage for losses incurred, for income from
16 investments, and for any other asset and activity lawfully
17 permitted to a land bank agency under the chapter 140 land
18 bank act.

19 3. If a land bank agency sells or otherwise disposes
20 of a parcel of real estate held by it, any land taxes
21 assessed against such parcel for the three tax years
22 following such sale or disposition by such land bank agency
23 that are collected by the county collector in a calendar
24 year and not refunded, less the fees provided under section
25 52.260 and subsection 4 of this section and less the amounts
26 to be deducted under section 137.720, shall be distributed
27 by the county collector to such land bank agency no later
28 than March first of the following calendar year, provided

29 that land taxes impounded under section 139.031 or otherwise
30 paid under protest shall not be subject to distribution
31 under this subsection. Any amount required to be
32 distributed to a land bank agency under this subsection
33 shall be subject to offset for amounts previously
34 distributed to such land bank agency that were assessed,
35 collected, or distributed in error.

36 4. In addition to any other provisions of law related
37 to collection fees, the county collector shall collect on
38 behalf of the county a fee of four percent of reserve period
39 taxes collected and such fees collected shall be deposited
40 in the county general fund.

41 5. If a county has established a land bank agency
42 under subsection 1 of section 140.981, the collector may
43 collect on behalf of the county a fee for the collection of
44 delinquent and back taxes of up to five percent on all sums
45 collected to be added to the face of the tax bill and
46 collected from the party paying the tax. All fees collected
47 under the provisions of this subsection shall be paid to the
48 land bank agency established under subsection 1 of section
49 140.981.

140.991. 1. There shall be an annual audit of the
2 affairs, accounts, expenses, and financial transactions of a
3 land bank agency by a certified public accountant before
4 April thirtieth of each year, which accountant shall be
5 employed by the land bank agency on or before March first of
6 each year. Certified copies of the audit shall be furnished
7 to the county or municipality that established the land bank
8 agency, and the county or municipality shall post the audit
9 on its [public] website. Copies of the audit shall also be
10 available for public inspection at the office of the land
11 bank agency.

12 2. The land bank agency may be performance audited at
13 any time by the state auditor or by the auditor of the
14 county or municipality that established the land bank
15 agency. The land bank agency shall make copies of such
16 audit available to the public and shall post a copy of the
17 audit on the land bank agency's website within thirty days
18 of the completion of the audit.

 140.994. 1. A land bank agency shall have power to
2 receive funds from bonds issued by the county or
3 municipality that created the land bank agency, for any of
4 its [corporate] purposes. The bonds shall be special,
5 limited obligations of the county or municipality that
6 created the land bank agency, the principal of and interest
7 on which shall be payable solely from the income and revenue
8 derived from the sale, or other disposition of the assets of
9 the land bank agency, or such portion thereof as may be
10 designated in the resolution, indenture, or other financing
11 documents relating to the issuance of the bonds.

12 2. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be
13 deemed to be an indebtedness within the meaning of any
14 constitutional or statutory limitation upon the incurring of
15 indebtedness. The bonds shall not constitute a debt,
16 liability, or obligation of the state or a pledge of the
17 full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state and
18 the bonds shall contain a recital to that effect. Neither
19 the members of the board nor any person executing the bonds
20 shall be liable personally on the bonds by reason of the
21 issuance thereof.

22 3. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be
23 authorized by resolution of the governing body of the county
24 or municipality establishing the land bank agency, shall be
25 issued in such form, shall be in such denominations, shall

26 bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature on such
27 dates and in such manner, shall be subject to redemption at
28 such times and on such terms, and shall be executed by one
29 or more members of the governing body of the county or
30 municipality establishing the land bank agency, as provided
31 in the resolution authorizing the issuance thereof or as set
32 out in the indenture or other financing document authorized
33 and approved by such resolution. The governing body of the
34 county or municipality establishing the land bank agency may
35 sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or at
36 private sale, and for such price as the governing body of
37 the county or municipality establishing the land bank agency
38 may determine to be in the best interests of the land bank
39 agency.

40 4. A governing body of the county or municipality
41 establishing the land bank agency may from time to time, as
42 authorized by resolution of the governing body, issue
43 refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding, extending, and
44 unifying all or any part of its valid outstanding bonds.
45 Such refunding bonds may be payable from any of the sources
46 identified in subsection 1 of this section and from the
47 investment of any of the proceeds of the refunding bonds.

48 5. The bonds issued by the governing body of the
49 county or municipality establishing the land bank agency
50 shall be negotiable instruments under chapter 400.

51 6. Bonds issued under this section and all income or
52 interest thereon shall be exempt from all state taxes.

53 7. The governing body of the county or municipality
54 establishing the land bank agency shall have the power to
55 issue temporary notes upon the same terms and subject to all
56 provisions and restrictions applicable to bonds under this

57 section. Such notes issued by the governing body may be
58 refunded by notes or bonds authorized under this section.

140.995. Notwithstanding any provision of sections
2 140.980 to 140.995 to the contrary, a land bank agency may
3 rent or lease property held by the land bank agency for **any**
4 community, noncommercial, **or** agricultural uses.

140.1000. 1. No board member or employee of a land
2 bank agency shall receive any compensation, emolument, or
3 other profit directly or indirectly from the rental,
4 management, acquisition, sale, demolition, repair,
5 rehabilitation, use, operation, ownership, or disposition of
6 any [lands] **property** held by such land bank agency other
7 than the salaries, expenses, and emoluments provided for in
8 the chapter 140 land bank act.

9 2. No member of the board or employee of a land bank
10 agency shall own, directly or indirectly, any legal or
11 equitable interest in or to any lands held by such land bank
12 agency other than the salaries, expenses, and emoluments
13 provided for in sections 140.980 to 140.1015.

14 3. A violation of this section is a class D felony.

15 4. The land bank agency may adopt supplemental rules
16 and regulations addressing potential conflicts of interest
17 and ethical guidelines for board members and land bank
18 agency employees, provided that such rules and regulations
19 are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other
20 applicable law.

21 5. Any person who is related to a board member or
22 employee of a land bank agency within the second degree of
23 consanguinity or affinity shall be considered a board member
24 or employee of a land bank agency for purposes of this
25 section and subject to its provisions.

140.1009. 1. A land bank agency shall be authorized
2 to file an action to quiet title under section 527.150 [as
3 to] **for** any real property in which the land bank agency has
4 an interest. For purposes of any and all such actions, the
5 land bank agency shall be deemed to be the holder of
6 sufficient legal and equitable interests, and possessory
7 rights, so as to qualify the land bank agency as an adequate
8 petitioner in such action.

9 2. Prior to the filing of an action to quiet title,
10 the land bank agency shall conduct an examination of title
11 to determine the identity of any and all persons and
12 entities possessing a claim or interest in or to the real
13 property. Service of the petition to quiet title shall be
14 provided to all such interested parties by the following
15 methods:

16 (1) Registered or certified mail to such identity and
17 address as reasonably ascertainable by an inspection of
18 public records;

19 (2) In the case of occupied real property, by first
20 class mail addressed to "Occupant";

21 (3) By posting a copy of the notice on the real
22 property;

23 (4) By publication in a newspaper of general
24 circulation in the county or municipality in which the
25 property is located; and

26 (5) Such other methods as the court may order or as
27 may be required by prevailing motions of due process.

28 3. As part of the petition to quiet title, the land
29 bank agency shall file an affidavit identifying all parties
30 potentially having an interest in the real property and the
31 form of notice provided.

32 4. The court shall schedule a hearing on the petition
33 within ninety days following filing of the petition and, as
34 to all matters upon which an answer was not filed by an
35 interested party, the court shall issue its final judgment
36 within one hundred twenty days of the filing of the petition.

37 5. A land bank agency shall be authorized to join in a
38 single petition to quiet title one or more parcels of real
39 property.

 140.1012. 1. A land bank agency shall be dissolved as
2 a public body corporate and politic no sooner than sixty
3 calendar days, but no later than one hundred eighty calendar
4 days, after an ordinance or resolution for such dissolution
5 is passed by the county or municipality that established the
6 land bank agency.

7 2. [No less than sixty calendar days' advance written
8 notice of consideration of] **If** such an ordinance or
9 resolution of dissolution **is being considered, no less than**
10 **sixty calendar days advance written notice** shall be given to
11 the land bank agency, shall be published in a local
12 newspaper of general circulation within such county or
13 municipality, and shall be sent certified mail to each
14 trustee of any outstanding bonds of the land bank agency.

15 3. No land bank agency shall be dissolved while there
16 remains any outstanding bonds, notes, or other obligations
17 of the land bank agency unless such bonds, notes, or other
18 obligations are paid or defeased pursuant to the resolution,
19 indenture, or other financing document under which such
20 bonds, notes, or other obligations were issued prior to or
21 simultaneously with such dissolution. Once all outstanding
22 bonds, notes, or other obligations are satisfied, no new
23 property shall be purchased by, gifted to, traded to, or
24 exchanged with the land bank agency. No further debts or

25 other obligations shall be incurred other than that which is
26 necessary to sell or put to public use any remaining
27 property held by the land bank agency. The land bank agency
28 shall be dissolved within thirty days after all outstanding
29 bonds, notes, or other obligations are satisfied.

30 4. Upon dissolution of a land bank agency pursuant to
31 this section, all real property, personal property, and
32 other assets of the land bank agency shall be transferred by
33 appropriate written instrument to and shall become the
34 assets of the county or municipality that established the
35 land bank agency. Such county or municipality shall act
36 expeditiously to return such real property to the tax rolls
37 and shall market and sell such real property using an open,
38 public method that ensures the best possible prices are
39 realized while ensuring such real property is returned to a
40 suitable, productive use for the betterment of the
41 neighborhood in which such real property is located. Upon
42 the sale or other disposition of any such property by such
43 county or municipality, the proceeds therefrom shall be
44 applied and distributed in the following order:

- 45 (1) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
46 (2) To the reasonable costs incurred by such county or
47 municipality in maintaining and marketing such property; and
48 (3) The balance shall be paid to the respective taxing
49 authorities that, at the time of the distribution, are
50 taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being
51 distributed.

141.220. The following words, terms and definitions,
2 when used in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections
3 141.980 to 141.1015, shall have the meanings ascribed to
4 them in this section, except where the text clearly
5 indicates a different meaning:

6 (1) "Ancillary parcel" shall mean a parcel of real
7 estate acquired by a land bank agency other than:

8 (a) Pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of
9 section 141.560;

10 (b) By deed from a land trust under subsection 1 of
11 section 141.984; or

12 (c) Pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of
13 subsection 2 of section 141.550;

14 (2) "Appraiser" shall mean a state licensed or
15 certified appraiser licensed or certified pursuant to
16 chapter 339 who is not an employee of the collector or
17 collection authority;

18 (3) "Board" or "board of commissioners" shall mean the
19 board of commissioners of a land bank agency;

20 (4) "Collector" shall mean the collector of the
21 revenue in any county affected by sections 141.210 to
22 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015;

23 (5) "County" shall mean any county in this state;

24 (6) "Court" shall mean the circuit court of any county
25 affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980
26 to 141.1015;

27 (7) "Delinquent land tax attorney" shall mean a
28 licensed attorney-at-law, employed or designated by the
29 collector as hereinafter provided;

30 (8) "Interested party", shall mean any person with a
31 legal interest in a parcel of land affected by sections
32 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015.

33 Interested party shall not include:

34 (a) The holder of the benefit or burden of any
35 easement or right of way;

36 (b) The holder of a benefit or burden of a real
37 covenant; or

38 (c) A leasehold owner of subsurface mineral, gas, or
39 oil rights whose interest is properly recorded and whose
40 interest shall remain unaffected;

41 (9) "Land bank agency", shall mean **[an] any** agency
42 created under section 141.980;

43 (10) "Land taxes" shall mean taxes on real property or
44 real estate and shall include the taxes both on land and the
45 improvements thereon;

46 (11) "Land trustees" and "land trust" shall mean the
47 land trustees and land trust as the same are created by and
48 described in section 141.700;

49 (12) "Municipality" shall include any incorporated
50 city or town, or a part thereof, located in whole or in part
51 within a county;

52 (13) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm,
53 copartnership, joint adventure, association, corporation,
54 estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed
55 by any state or federal court, trustee otherwise created,
56 syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a
57 unit, and the plural as well as the singular number;

58 (14) "Political subdivision" shall mean any county,
59 city, town, village, school district, library district, or
60 any other public subdivision or public corporation having
61 the power to tax;

62 (15) "Reserve period taxes" shall mean land taxes
63 assessed against any parcel of real estate sold or otherwise
64 disposed of by a land bank agency for the first three tax
65 years following such sale or disposition;

66 (16) "School district", "road district", "water
67 district", "sewer district", "levee district", "drainage
68 district", "special benefit district", "special assessment

69 district", or "park district" shall include those located
70 within a county as such county is described in this section;

71 (17) "Sheriff" and "circuit clerk" shall mean the
72 sheriff and circuit clerk, respectively, of any county
73 affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980
74 to 141.1015;

75 (18) "Tax bill" as used in sections 141.210 to 141.810
76 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall represent real estate
77 taxes and the lien thereof, whether general or special,
78 levied and assessed by any taxing authority;

79 (19) "Tax district" shall mean the state of Missouri
80 and any county, municipality, school district, road
81 district, water district, sewer district, levee district,
82 drainage district, special benefit district, special
83 assessment district, or park district, located in any
84 municipality or county as herein described;

85 (20) "Tax lien" shall mean the lien of any tax bill as
86 defined in this section;

87 (21) "Taxing authority" shall include any
88 governmental, managing, administering or other lawful
89 authority, now or hereafter empowered by law to issue tax
90 bills, the state of Missouri or any county, municipality,
91 school district, road district, water district, sewer
92 district, levee district, drainage district, special benefit
93 district, special assessment district, or park district,
94 affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980
95 to 141.1015.

141.230. 1. The land tax collection law shall apply
2 to all counties that have elected to operate under the
3 provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 by adoption of a
4 resolution or order of the county commission of such county.

5 2. Alternatively, any county may, by adoption of a
6 resolution or order of the county commission of such county,
7 elect to operate under the provisions of sections 141.210 to
8 141.810 as a partial opt-in county. After adoption of any
9 such resolution or order, the collector for such county may
10 elect to operate under the provisions of sections 141.210 to
11 141.810 for any parcel [or parcels for which there is an
12 unpaid tax bill for a period of at least two years after the
13 date on which it became delinquent].

14 3. No county eligible to establish a land bank agency
15 under subsection 1 of section 140.981 shall elect to operate
16 as a partial opt-in county unless having first elected to
17 establish a land bank agency as provided in subsection 1 of
18 section 140.981.

19 4. Any county commission so adopting such resolution
20 or order shall file a certified copy thereof within ten days
21 after the adoption of said resolution or order with the
22 clerk of the county commission and with the collector of
23 revenue for such county, and with the mayor and city
24 collector or chief financial officer of each municipality in
25 such county, as defined by section 141.220.

26 5. After the adoption of such resolution or order by
27 such county commission, each municipality shall cooperate
28 with such county under the provisions of sections 141.210 to
29 141.810. Any such county which shall, in the manner
30 provided herein, have elected to come within the provisions
31 of sections 141.210 to 141.810, in whole or in part, by
32 adoption of such resolution, order or ordinance, may, after
33 a period of one year from the effective date of such
34 resolution, order or ordinance, adopt by similar means a
35 resolution, order or ordinance, rescinding the election to
36 adopt the provisions of the land tax collection law and

37 certified copies of such resolution, order or ordinance
38 shall be filed in the same manner as said original
39 resolution, order or ordinance; provided, that such
40 resolution, order or ordinance rescinding or nullifying the
41 election to adopt the provisions of sections 141.210 to
42 141.810 shall not become effective for one year thereafter
43 nor shall it invalidate or in any way affect any proceedings
44 in rem for foreclosure which may have been instituted under
45 the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810, but all such
46 actions and proceedings so instituted while the provisions
47 of said sections were in full force and effect shall be
48 prosecuted to their conclusion and completion; provided
49 further, that any county which may have operated under
50 sections 141.210 to 141.810 prior to the enactment of this
51 section may hereafter elect to terminate any further
52 operation under sections 141.210 to 141.810 by proceeding in
53 manner and form and to the same effect as though it had
54 originally elected to operate under the provisions of
55 sections 141.210 to 141.810.

56 6. Any municipality located partly within a county
57 electing to operate in whole or in part under the provisions
58 of sections 141.210 to 141.810 shall cooperate with such
59 county under the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810;
60 provided, however, that tax bills imposed against real
61 estate located in that part of such municipality outside of
62 the limits of any such county shall be collected under other
63 provisions as may be provided by law.

141.250. 1. The respective liens of the tax bills for
2 general taxes of the state of Missouri, the county, any
3 municipality, and any school district, for the same tax
4 year, shall be equal and first liens upon the real estate
5 described in the respective tax bills thereof; provided,

6 however, that the liens of such tax bills for the latest
7 year for which tax bills are unpaid shall take priority over
8 the liens of tax bills levied and assessed for less recent
9 years, and the lien of such tax bills shall rate in priority
10 in the order of the years for which the tax bills are
11 delinquent, the lien of the tax bill longest delinquent
12 being junior in priority to the lien of the tax bill for the
13 next most recent tax year.

14 2. All tax bills for other than general taxes shall
15 constitute liens junior to the liens for general taxes upon
16 the real estate described therein; provided, however, that a
17 tax bill for other than general taxes, of the more recent
18 issue shall likewise be senior to any such tax bill of less
19 recent date.

20 3. The proceeds derived from the sale of any lands
21 encumbered with a tax lien or liens shall be distributed to
22 the owners of such liens in the order of the seniority of
23 the liens. Those holding liens of equal rank shall share in
24 direct proportion to the amounts of their respective liens.

141.270. 1. On or before the fifth day of January in
2 each year, all taxing authorities and any other tax bill
3 owner shall file **a list** with the collector [a list] on a
4 form approved by the collector of all parcels of real estate
5 affected by tax liens held and owned by such taxing
6 authority or person which have been delinquent for two years
7 or more. Such list shall also include all delinquent tax
8 bills for any and all years.

9 2. The taxing authority or person filing such list
10 shall pay to the collector a filing fee of one dollar and
11 fifty cents for each parcel of real estate described
12 therein, which fee shall be charged against each parcel and
13 collected and accounted for by the collector as other costs.

14 3. No school district nor any other taxing authority
15 whose taxes are required by law to be collected by the
16 collector shall file any list nor pay the filing fee herein
17 provided.

18 4. If the taxes of any taxing authority are two or
19 more years delinquent, the other taxing authorities and
20 other tax bill owners shall include in the said list all
21 tax liens against the said parcel, even though the taxes are
22 not two years delinquent.

 141.290. 1. The collector shall compile lists of all
2 state, county, school, and other tax bills collectible by
3 the collector that are delinquent according to the
4 collector's records, and the collector shall combine such
5 lists with the list filed by any taxing authority or tax
6 bill owner.

7 2. For partial opt-in counties, the collector shall
8 decide which tax delinquent parcels shall proceed according
9 to the provisions contained **[herein] in this chapter**. The
10 remaining parcels shall proceed under such other provisions
11 as may be provided by law.

12 3. The collector shall assign a serial number to each
13 parcel of real estate in each list and if suit has been
14 filed in the circuit court of the county on any delinquent
15 tax bill included in any list, the collector shall give the
16 court docket number of such suit and some appropriate
17 designation of the place where such suit is pending, and
18 such pending suit so listed in any petition filed pursuant
19 to the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and
20 sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall, without further
21 procedure or court order, be deemed to be consolidated with
22 the suit brought under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and

sections 141.980 to 141.1015, and such pending suit shall thereupon be abated.

4. The collector shall deliver such combined lists to the delinquent land tax attorney from time to time but not later than April first of each year.

5. The delinquent land tax attorney shall incorporate such lists in petitions in the form prescribed in section 141.410, and shall file such petitions with the circuit clerk not later than June first of each year.

141.300. 1. The collector shall receipt for the aggregate amount of such delinquent tax bills appearing on the list or lists filed with the collector under the provisions of section 141.290, which receipt shall be held by the owner or holder of the tax bills or by the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of the taxing authority [so] filing such list with the collector.

2. The collector shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, file with the owner or holder of any tax bill or with the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing authority, a detailed statement, verified by affidavit, of all taxes collected by the collector during the preceding month which appear on the list or lists received by the collector, and shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month, pay the same, less the collector's commissions and costs payable to the county, to the tax bill owner or holder or to the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing authority; provided, however, that the collector shall be given credit for the full amount of any tax bill where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by a land trust, or which is bid on by a land bank agency and where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by such

24 land bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection
25 3 of section 141.560, or which is included in the bid of a
26 land bank agency and where title to the real estate
27 described in such tax bill is taken by such land bank agency
28 pursuant to a sale under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of
29 section 141.550.

141.320. 1. The collector shall, at the collector's
2 option, appoint a delinquent land tax attorney, to be
3 compensated as necessary for the performance of the
4 collector's duties under this chapter, or in counties having
5 a county counselor, the collector shall, at the collector's
6 option, designate the county counselor and such of the
7 counselor's assistants as shall appear necessary to act as
8 the delinquent land tax attorney.

9 2. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not the
10 county counselor, with the approval of the collector, may
11 appoint one or more assistant delinquent land tax attorneys
12 and such clerical employees as may be necessary, to be
13 compensated as necessary for the performance of duties under
14 this chapter; and the appointed delinquent tax attorney may
15 incur such reasonable expenses as are necessary for the
16 performance of the attorney's duties.

17 3. The delinquent land tax attorney and the attorney's
18 assistants shall perform legal services for the collector
19 and shall act as attorney for the collector in the
20 prosecution of all suits brought for the collection of land
21 taxes; but the attorney and the collector shall not perform
22 legal services for the land trust or any land bank agency.

23 4. Salaries and expenses of a delinquent land tax
24 attorney who is not also the county counselor, the
25 attorney's assistants, and the attorney's employees shall be
26 paid monthly out of the treasury of the county from the same

27 funds as employees of the collector whenever the funds
28 provided for by sections 141.150, 141.270, and 141.620 are
29 not sufficient for such purpose.

30 5. The compensation herein provided shall be the total
31 compensation for a delinquent land tax attorney who is not
32 also a county counselor, and the attorney's assistants and
33 employees.

34 6. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not also the
35 county counselor shall make a return quarterly to the county
36 commission of such county of all compensation received by
37 the attorney, and of all amounts owing to the attorney by
38 the collector, and of all salaries and expenses of any
39 assistants and employees, stating the same in detail, and
40 verifying such amounts by affidavit.

41 7. The attorney's fees shall be taxed as costs in the
42 suit and collected as other costs.

141.330. The collector [annually] may appoint one
2 delinquent land tax clerk in each office lawfully maintained
3 by the collector in the county, to be compensated as
4 necessary for the performance of the clerk's duties under
5 this chapter.

141.360. All suits for the foreclosure of tax liens
2 brought by the collector shall name the collector only by
3 the title of the collector's office, and all such suits
4 shall be brought directly against the real estate subject to
5 the tax lien or liens to be foreclosed.

141.410. 1. A suit for the foreclosure of the tax
2 liens herein provided for shall be instituted by filing in
3 the appropriate office of the circuit clerk a petition[,
4 which]. **Such** petition shall contain a caption, a copy of
5 the list so furnished to the delinquent land tax attorney by
6 the collector, and a prayer. The petition shall name each

7 person with a legal interest in the parcel of land affected
8 by the suit, as reasonably discoverable to the collector
9 from publicly available records. Such petition without
10 further allegation shall be deemed to be sufficient.

11 2. The caption shall be in the following form:

12 In the Circuit Court of _____ County, Missouri,

13 In the Matter of

14 Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes

15 By Action in Rem.

16 Collector of Revenue of _____ County, Missouri,

17 Plaintiff

18 -vs.-

19 Parcels of Land Encumbered with Delinquent Tax

20 Liens

21 Defendants

22 3. The petition shall contain at least the following
23 information:

24 (1) The identity of the petitioner and the name and
25 address of the collector;

26 (2) The parcel's common street address;

27 (3) A full legal description for the parcel;

28 (4) The tax identification number of the parcel;

29 (5) The period of tax delinquency; and

30 (6) The principal amount of delinquent taxes, together
31 with interest, penalties, and fees.

32 4. The petition shall conclude with a prayer that all
33 tax liens upon such real estate be foreclosed; that the

34 court determine the amounts and priorities of all tax bills,
35 together with interest, penalties, costs, and attorney's
36 fees; that the court order such real estate to be sold by
37 the sheriff at public sale as provided by sections 141.210
38 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 and that
39 thereafter a report of such sale be made by the sheriff to
40 the court for further proceedings under sections 141.210 to
41 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015.

42 5. The delinquent land tax attorney within ten days
43 after the filing of any such petition shall forward by
44 United States registered mail to each person or taxing
45 authority having filed a list of delinquent tax bills with
46 the collector as provided by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and
47 sections 141.980 to 141.1015 a notice of the time and place
48 of the filing of such petition and of the newspaper in which
49 the notice of publication has been or will be published.

50 6. The petition when so filed shall have the same
51 force and effect with respect to each parcel of real estate
52 therein described, as a separate suit instituted to
53 foreclose the tax lien or liens against any one of said
54 parcels of real estate.

141.440. 1. **Within thirty days after the filing of**
2 **such petition,** the collector shall [also] cause to be
3 prepared and sent by restricted, registered or certified
4 mail with postage prepaid, [within thirty days after the
5 filing of such petition,] a notice of the petition, to the
6 persons named in the petition as being the last known
7 persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective
8 parcels of real estate described in said petition were last
9 billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last
10 known owner of record, if different, and to the addresses of
11 said persons upon said records of the collector. The terms

"restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail. If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive and receipt for the notice as shown by the return receipt, then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk at least thirty days before judgment is entered by the court on the petition an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected by any such notices of suit that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive and receipt for the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

2. The collector shall prepare and send, by first-class mail, a copy of the petition within thirty days after the filing of such a petition to the occupant of such parcel or property.

141.500. 1. After the trial of the issues, the court shall, as promptly as circumstances permit, render judgment. If the court finds that no tax bill upon the land collectible by the collector or the relator was delinquent when the suit was instituted or tried, then the judgment of the court shall be that the cause be dismissed as to the parcels of real estate described in the tax bill[; or,]. If the evidence warrant, the judgment may be for the principal amount of the delinquent tax bills upon the real estate upon which suit was brought, together with interest, penalties, attorney's and appraiser's fees and costs computed as of the date of the judgment. The judgment may recite the amount of each tax bill, the date when it began to bear interest, and the rate of such interest, together with the rate and amount of penalties, attorney's and appraiser's fees not to exceed fifteen dollars. It may decree that the lien upon the parcels of real estate described in the tax bill be foreclosed and such real estate sold by the sheriff, and the cause shall be continued for further proceedings, as herein provided.

2. The collector shall cause to be prepared and sent by restricted, registered or certified mail with postage prepaid, within thirty days after the rendering of such judgment, a brief notice of such judgment and the availability of a written redemption contract pursuant to section 141.530 to the persons named in the judgment as being the last known persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective parcels of real estate described in such judgment were last billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last known owner of record, if different, and to the addresses of such persons upon the records of the collector. The terms "restricted",

"registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail. If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive and receipt for the notice as shown by the return receipt, then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected of any such notices of judgment that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive and receipt for the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

3. The collector shall prepare and send to the occupant of such parcel or property, by first-class mail, a copy of the judgment of foreclosure within thirty days after the date of such judgment.

141.520. 1. After the judgment of foreclosure has been entered, or, after a motion for a new trial has been

3 overruled, or, if an appeal be taken from such judgment and
4 the judgment has been affirmed, after the sheriff shall have
5 been notified by any party to the suit that such judgment
6 has been affirmed on appeal and that the mandate of the
7 appellate court is on file with the circuit clerk, there
8 shall be a waiting period of six months before any
9 advertisement of sheriff's sale shall be published.

10 2. If any such parcel of real estate [be] is not
11 redeemed, or if no written contract providing for redemption
12 [be] is made within six months after the date of the
13 judgment of foreclosure, if no motion for rehearing [be] is
14 filed, and, if filed, within six months after such motion
15 may have been overruled, or, if an appeal [be] is taken from
16 such judgment and the judgment [be] is affirmed, within six
17 months after the sheriff shall have been notified by any
18 party to the suit that such judgment has been affirmed on
19 appeal and that the mandate of the appellate court is on
20 file with the circuit clerk, the sheriff shall commence to
21 advertise the real estate described in the judgment and
22 shall fix the date of sale within thirty days after the date
23 of the first publication of the notice of sheriff's sale as
24 herein provided, and shall at such sale proceed to sell the
25 real estate.

26 3. Any provisions of this chapter to the contrary
27 notwithstanding, the owner of any parcel of real property
28 against which a judgment has been rendered shall not have
29 the right to redeem such property from said judgment if at
30 the time of judgment such property is assessed as
31 residential property and the judgment finds the property has
32 been vacant for a period of not less than six months prior
33 to the judgment. After a judgment as provided for in this
34 section becomes final, the waiting period shall not apply to

35 such judgment and a sale under execution of the judgment
36 shall be immediately held as provided under the applicable
37 provisions of this chapter.

38 4. In partial opt-in counties, no later than one
39 hundred twenty days prior to the sheriff's sale, the
40 collector shall obtain from a licensed title company or
41 attorney a title search that includes all conveyances,
42 liens, and charges against the real estate involved in the
43 suit for any parcel of real estate against which the
44 collector has obtained a judgment under section 141.500 and
45 for which it has been decreed that the lien upon the parcel
46 of real estate described in the tax bill be foreclosed and
47 such real estate sold by the sheriff. The charge of such
48 title search may be recovered from the proceeds of the sale
49 under section 141.580.

50 5. After obtaining or conducting a title search, the
51 collector shall initiate a search of the following records
52 to identify and locate interested parties and addresses
53 reasonably calculated to apprise interested parties of the
54 suit:

55 (1) Land title records in the office of the county
56 recorder of deeds;

57 (2) Tax records in the office of the local treasurer;

58 (3) Tax records in the office of the local assessor;

59 (4) A search of court records in Missouri CaseNet; and

60 (5) For a business entity, records filed with the
61 secretary of state.

62 The collector may also incur reasonable costs for web-based
63 investigatory searches to supplement the search for
64 interested parties and addresses. The reasonable cost of
65 locating interested parties and addresses for notice may be

66 recovered from the proceeds of the sale under section
67 141.580.

68 6. No later than thirty days prior to the sheriff's
69 sale, the collector shall send notice of the sale to all
70 interested parties at the address most likely to apprise
71 interested parties of the sale. The notice shall provide
72 the date, time, and place of the sale and shall also state
73 that the parcel may be redeemed prior to the sale as
74 specified in sections 141.420 and 141.530. The notice
75 required by this subsection shall be mailed first class,
76 postage prepaid. The cost of notice under this subsection
77 may be recovered from the proceeds of the sale under section
78 141.580.

79 7. No later than twenty days prior to the sheriff's
80 sale, the sheriff shall enter upon the parcel subject to
81 foreclosure of these tax liens and post a written
82 informational notice in a conspicuous location, attached to
83 a structure, and intended to be visible by the nearest
84 public right-of-way. This notice shall describe the parcel
85 and advise that it is the subject of delinquent land tax
86 collection proceedings brought under sections 141.210 to
87 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 and that it may be
88 sold for the payment of delinquent taxes at a sale to be
89 held at a certain time, date, and place and shall also
90 contain the tax identification number and the phone number
91 and address of the collector as well as a prohibition
92 against removal unless the parcel has been redeemed. The
93 notice shall be not less than eight inches by ten inches and
94 shall be laminated or otherwise sufficiently weatherproof to
95 withstand normal exposure to rain, snow, and other
96 conditions. The sheriff shall document, by time-stamped
97 photograph, compliance with this section, make such

documentation generally available upon request, and provide verification by affidavit of compliance with this section. The cost of notice under this subsection may be recovered from the proceeds of the sale under section 141.580.

8. In addition to the other notice requirements of this section, no later than twenty days prior to the sheriff's sale, the sheriff shall attempt in-person notice that shall describe the parcel and advise that it is the subject of delinquent land tax collection proceedings brought under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015; that shall state that it may be sold for the payment of delinquent taxes at a sale to be held at a certain time, date, and place; and that shall also contain the tax identification number and the phone number and address of the collector. In-person notice may be provided to any person found at the parcel. The sheriff shall note the date and time of attempted notice and the name, description, or other identifying information regarding the person to whom notice was attempted. The sheriff shall document compliance with this section, make such documentation generally available upon request, and provide verification by affidavit of compliance with this section. The cost of notice under this subsection may be recovered from the proceeds of the sale under section 141.580.

141.535. 1. If a parcel is the subject of an action filed under sections 447.620 to 447.640, the court shall stay the sale of any tax parcel to be sold under execution of a tax foreclosure judgment obtained under this chapter, provided that the party which has brought such an action has paid into the circuit court the principal amount of all **[land] delinquent** taxes then due and owing under the tax foreclosure judgment, exclusive of penalties, interest,

9 attorney fees, and court costs, prior to the date of any
10 proposed sale under execution. The party bringing such
11 action shall provide written notice of the filing of the
12 action to the court administrator and file with the circuit
13 court in which the action is pending a certificate that such
14 notice has been provided to the court administrator. If the
15 party that brought the action under sections 447.620 to
16 447.640 dismisses its action prior to gaining temporary
17 possession of the property, it shall recover any amounts
18 paid into the circuit court under this subsection.

19 2. In any order granting a sheriff's deed under
20 section 447.625 or a judicial deed under section 447.640,
21 the court shall also order the permanent extinguishment of
22 liability against the grantee and the grantee's successors
23 in interest for penalties, interest, attorney fees, and
24 court costs arising from actions to collect delinquent land
25 taxes due on the subject property. The funds paid into the
26 court for land taxes under subsection 1 of this section
27 shall then be paid to the county collector.

28 3. If an owner of such a property moves the court for
29 restoration of possession of the subject property under
30 section 447.638, the owner shall pay into the circuit court
31 all land tax amounts currently due and owing on the
32 property, including all statutory penalties, interest,
33 attorney fees, and court costs retroactive to the date of
34 accrual, and in the event that an owner of the tax parcel
35 regains possession under section 447.638, funds deposited by
36 the owner under this subsection shall be paid to the county
37 collector, and funds paid into the court by a party under
38 subsection 1 of this section shall be paid out in full to
39 the payer.

141.540. 1. In any county at a certain front door of
whose courthouse sales of real estate are customarily made
by the sheriff under execution, the sheriff shall advertise
for sale and sell the respective parcels of real estate
ordered sold by the sheriff pursuant to any judgment of
foreclosure by any court pursuant to sections 141.210 to
141.810 and 141.980 to 141.1015 at any of such courthouses[,
but]. The sale of such parcels of real estate shall be held
at the same front door as sales of real estate are
customarily made by the sheriff under execution.

2. Such advertisements may include more than one
parcel of real estate, and shall be in substantially the
following form:

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S

SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF

FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR

DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

No. _____

In the Circuit Court of _____ County,
Missouri.

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for
Delinquent Land Taxes

Collector of Revenue of _____ County,
Missouri, Plaintiff,

vs.

Parcels of Land encumbered with Delinquent Tax
Liens, Defendants.

WHEREAS, judgment has been rendered against parcels of real estate for taxes, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs with the serial numbers of each parcel of real estate, the description thereof, the name of the person appearing in the petition in the suit, and the total amount of the judgment against each such parcel for taxes, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, all as set out in said judgment and described in each case, respectively, as follows: (Here set out the respective serial numbers, descriptions, names and total amounts of each judgment, next above referred to.) and,

WHEREAS, such judgment orders such real estate sold by the undersigned sheriff, to satisfy the total amount of such judgment, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs,

NOW, THEREFORE,

Public Notice is hereby given that I _____, Sheriff of _____ County, Missouri, will sell such real estate, parcel by parcel, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, between the hours of nine o'clock A.M. and five o'clock P.M., at the _____ front door of the _____ County Courthouse in _____, Missouri, on _____, the _____ day of _____, 20_____, and continuing from day to day thereafter, to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parcel of real estate sold. If no acceptable bids are received as to any parcel of real estate, said parcel shall be sold to the Land Trust of _____ (insert name of County), Missouri or Land Bank of the City of _____ (insert name of municipality), Missouri.

Any bid received shall be subject to confirmation by the court.

65 _____

66 Sheriff of _____
67 County, Missouri

68 _____

69 Delinquent Land Tax
70 Attorney

71 Address: _____

72 First Publication _____, 20_____

73 3. Such advertisement shall be published four times,
74 once a week, upon the same day of each week during
75 successive weeks prior to the date of such sale, in a daily
76 newspaper of general circulation regularly published in the
77 county, qualified according to law for the publication of
78 public notices and advertisements.

141.550. 1. The sale shall be conducted, the
2 sheriff's return thereof made, and the sheriff's deed
3 pursuant to the sale executed, all as provided in the case
4 of sales of real estate taken under execution, except as
5 otherwise provided in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and
6 sections 141.980 to 141.1015, and provided that such sale
7 need not occur during the term of court or while the court
8 is in session.

9 2. The following provisions shall apply to any sale
10 pursuant to this section:

11 (1) The sale shall be held on the day for which it is
12 advertised, between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five
13 o'clock p.m. and continued day to day thereafter to satisfy
14 the judgment as to each respective parcel of real estate
15 sold. For partial opt-in counties, the sale shall be held

16 on the fourth Monday in August of each year between the
17 hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. and
18 continued day to day thereafter to satisfy the judgment as
19 to each respective parcel of real estate sold;

20 (2) The sale shall be conducted publicly, by auction,
21 for ready money. The parcel shall be sold to the highest
22 bidder, provided that the highest bid is equal to or greater
23 than the full amount of all tax bills due and owing on the
24 parcel, which may differ from the judgment amount; plus
25 interest; penalties; attorney's fees and costs; and a
26 nonreimbursable, two-hundred-dollar bidder fee. Such bidder
27 fee shall be paid to the land trust or land bank agency for
28 the municipality or county in which the parcel is situated.
29 The bid amount shall not include any amounts for debts owed
30 to any sewer district then due thereon;

31 (3) No person shall be eligible to bid at the time of
32 the sale unless such person has, no later than ten days
33 before the sale date, demonstrated to the satisfaction of
34 the official charged by law with conducting the sale that he
35 or she is not the owner of any parcel of real estate in the
36 county which is affected by a tax bill which has been
37 delinquent for more than six months. A prospective bidder
38 may make such a demonstration by presenting statements from
39 the appropriate collection officials of the county. The
40 official charged with conducting the sale may require
41 prospective bidders to submit an affidavit attesting to the
42 requirements of this subdivision and is expressly authorized
43 to permanently preclude any prospective bidder from
44 participating in the sale for failure to comply with the
45 provisions of this subdivision; and

46 (4) No foreign or domestic corporation or limited
47 liability company that has failed to appoint or maintain a

48 registered agent under chapter 347 or 351 shall be eligible
49 to bid at the time of the sale. No foreign corporate entity
50 shall be eligible to bid at the time of the sale unless it
51 has a certificate of authority to transact business in
52 Missouri under section 351.572. The official charged with
53 conducting the sale may require prospective bidders to
54 submit an affidavit attesting to the requirements of this
55 subdivision and is expressly authorized to permanently
56 preclude any prospective bidder from participating in the
57 sale for failure to comply with the provisions of this
58 subdivision.

59 3. The following provisions shall apply to any sale
60 under this section of property located within any
61 municipality contained wholly or partially within a county
62 with a population of over six hundred thousand inhabitants
63 and fewer than nine hundred thousand inhabitants:

64 (1) No person shall be eligible to bid at the time of
65 the sale unless such person has, no later than ten days
66 before the sale date, demonstrated to the satisfaction of
67 the official charged by law with conducting the sale that
68 the person is not the owner of any parcel of real property
69 with two or more violations of the municipality's building
70 or housing codes. A prospective bidder may make such a
71 demonstration by presenting statements from the appropriate
72 code enforcement officials of the municipality; and

73 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1)
74 of this subsection, any taxing authority or land bank agency
75 shall be eligible to bid at the sale without making the
76 demonstration described in subdivision (1) of this
77 subsection.

78 4. Such sale shall convey the whole interest of every
79 person having or claiming any right, title or interest in or

lien upon such real estate, whether such person has answered or not, subject to rights-of-way thereon of public utilities upon which tax has been otherwise paid, and subject to the lien thereon, if any, of the United States of America.

5. The collector shall advance the sums necessary to pay for the publication of all advertisements required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015 and shall be allowed credit therefor in the collector's accounts with the county. The collector shall give credit in such accounts for all such advances recovered by the collector. Such expenses of publication shall be apportioned pro rata among and taxed as costs against the respective parcels of real estate described in the judgment; provided, however, that none of the costs herein enumerated, including the costs of publication, shall constitute any lien upon the real estate after such sale.

141.560. 1. If, when the sheriff offers the respective parcels of real estate for sale, there **[be] are** no bidders for any parcel, or there **[be] is** insufficient time or opportunity to sell all of the parcels of real estate so advertised, the sheriff shall adjourn such sale from day to day at the same place and commencing at the same hour as when first offered and shall announce that such real estate will be offered or reoffered for sale at such time and place.

2. With respect to any parcel of real estate not located wholly within a county or municipality that has established a land bank agency under section 140.981 or 141.980, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills due and owing on the parcel, which may differ from the judgment amount; plus interest; penalties; attorney's fees and costs; and a nonreimbursable, two-

hundred-dollar bidder fee that shall be received at such sale after any parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be successive, the land trust shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due, and if no other bid be then received by the sheriff in excess of the bid of the land trust, and the sheriff shall so announce at the sale, then the bid of the land trust shall be announced as accepted. The sheriff shall report any such bid or bids so made by the land trust in the same way as the sheriff's report of other bids is made. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such sale by such land trust, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by the land trust as "cancelled by sale to the land trust" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.

3. With respect to any parcel of real estate located wholly within a county or municipality that has established a land bank agency under section 140.981 or 141.980, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills due and owing on the parcel, which may differ from the judgment amount; plus interest; penalties; attorney's fees and costs; and a nonreimbursable, two-hundred-dollar bidder fee that shall be received at such sale after such parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be successive, the land bank agency established under section 140.981 or 141.980 shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs

49 then due, and the sheriff shall so announce at the sale,
50 then the bid of the land bank agency shall be announced as
51 accepted. The sheriff shall report any such bid or bids so
52 made by such land bank agency in the same way as the
53 sheriff's report of other bids is made. Upon confirmation
54 by the court of such bid at such sale by such land bank
55 agency, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by
56 such land bank agency as "cancelled by sale to the land
57 bank" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax
58 bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties,
59 attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in
60 the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.

141.570. The title to any real estate which shall vest
2 in any purchaser[,] upon confirmation of such sale by the
3 court, or in any land bank agency or land trust, shall be an
4 absolute estate in fee simple, subject to rights-of-way
5 thereon of public utilities on which tax has been otherwise
6 paid, and subject to any lien thereon of the United States
7 of America, if any, and all persons and interested parties,
8 including the state of Missouri, any taxing authority or tax
9 district, as defined herein, judgment creditors,
10 lienholders, infants, incapacitated and disabled persons as
11 defined in chapter 475, and nonresidents who may have had
12 any right, title, interest, claim, or equity of redemption
13 in or to, or lien upon, such lands, shall be barred and
14 forever foreclosed of all such right, title, interest,
15 claim, lien or equity of redemption, and the court shall
16 order immediate possession of such real estate be given to
17 such purchaser; provided, however, that such title shall
18 also be subject to the liens of any tax bills which may have
19 attached after the sheriff's sale, but if such parcel of
20 real estate is deemed sold to the land trust pursuant to

subsection 2 of section 141.560, or deemed sold to a land bank agency pursuant to subsection 3 of section 141.560, or sold to a land bank agency pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550, the title thereto shall be free of any such liens to the extent of the interest of any taxing authority in such real estate; provided further, that the lien of special tax bills shall attach to the proceeds of the sheriff's sale, if any, or shall otherwise be forever barred and foreclosed.

141.580. 1. Within six months after the sheriff sells any parcel of real estate, the court shall, upon its own motion or upon motion of any interested party, set the cause [down] for hearing to confirm or set aside the foreclosure sale thereof, even though such parcels are not all of the parcels of real estate described in the notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale. Notice of the hearing, or of the court moving to confirm the foreclosure sale, shall be sent by any interested party to each person who was sent notice of the sale and to any interested parties as required by prevailing notions of due process. At the time of such hearing, the sheriff shall make report of the sale, and the court shall hear evidence of the value of the property offered on behalf of any interested party to the suit, and shall forthwith determine whether an adequate consideration has been paid for each such parcel. The court's judgment shall include a specific finding that adequate notice was provided to all interested parties under prevailing notions of due process and sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015, reciting the notice efforts of the collector, sheriff, and tax sale purchaser. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude a successful tax sale

23 purchaser from asserting a claim to quiet title to the bid-
24 upon parcel under section 527.150.

25 2. For this purpose the court shall have power to
26 summon any city or county official or any private person to
27 testify as to the reasonable value of the property, and if
28 the court finds that adequate consideration has been paid,
29 the court shall confirm the sale and order the sheriff to
30 issue a deed to the purchaser. If the court finds that the
31 consideration paid is inadequate, the court shall confirm
32 the sale if the purchaser increases the purchaser's bid to
33 such amount as the court deems to be adequate and makes such
34 additional payment, or if all tax bills included in the
35 judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs
36 then due thereon are not paid in full by one or more
37 interested parties to the suit. If the court finds that the
38 consideration is inadequate, but the purchaser declines to
39 increase the purchaser's bid to such amount as the court
40 deems adequate and make such additional payment, then the
41 sale shall be disapproved if all tax bills included in the
42 judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs
43 then due thereon are paid in full by one or more interested
44 parties to the suit, the lien of the judgment continued, and
45 such parcel of real estate shall be again advertised and
46 offered for sale by the sheriff to the highest bidder at
47 public auction for cash at any subsequent sheriff's
48 foreclosure sale. Unless the court requires evidence of the
49 value of the property conveyed to land trust or a land bank
50 agency, none shall be required, and the amount bid by the
51 land trust or such land bank agency shall be deemed adequate
52 consideration.

53 3. If the sale is confirmed, the court shall order the
54 proceeds **[of] from** the sale applied in the following order:

55 (1) To the payment of the costs of the publication of
56 the notice of foreclosure and of the sheriff's foreclosure
57 sale;

58 (2) To the payment of all of the collector's and
59 sheriff's costs including appraiser's fee and attorney's
60 fees;

61 (3) To the payment of all tax bills adjudged to be due
62 in the order of their priority, including principal,
63 interest and penalties thereon, except in the event of a
64 sale to any land bank agency, for which this subdivision
65 shall not apply.

66 If, after such payment, there is any sum remaining of the
67 proceeds of the sheriff's foreclosure sale, the court shall
68 thereupon try and determine the other issues in the suit in
69 accordance with section 141.480. If any answering parties
70 have specially appealed as provided in section 141.570, the
71 court shall retain the custody of such funds pending
72 disposition of such appeal, and upon disposition of such
73 appeal shall make such distribution. If there are not
74 sufficient proceeds of the sale to pay all claims in any
75 class described, the court shall order the same to be paid
76 pro rata in accordance with the priorities.

77 4. If there are any funds remaining of the proceeds
78 after the sheriff's sale and after the distribution of such
79 funds as herein set out and no person entitled to any such
80 funds, whether or not a party to the suit, shall, within two
81 years after such sale, appear and claim the funds, the funds
82 shall be distributed to the appropriate taxing authorities,
83 except in partial opt-in counties, where the funds shall be
84 distributed to the school fund for the county.

85 5. Any county operating under the provisions of
86 sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.1015
87 may elect to allocate a portion of its share of the proceeds
88 toward a fund for the purpose of defending against claims
89 challenging the sufficiency of notice provisions under this
90 section.

91 6. Any interested party, other than the sheriff's sale
92 purchaser, who moves the court to set aside a sheriff's sale
93 after the issuance of a sheriff's deed made under the
94 provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections
95 141.980 to 141.1015 shall be required to pay into the court
96 the redemption amount otherwise necessary under sections
97 141.420 and 141.530 prior to the court hearing any such
98 motion to set aside.

 141.610. Each court administrator's or sheriff's deed
2 given pursuant to the provisions of the land tax collection
3 law shall be prima facie evidence that the suit and all
4 proceedings therein and all proceedings prior thereto [from
5 and], including assessment of the lands affected thereby and
6 all notices required by law were regular and in accordance
7 with all provisions of the law relating thereto. The court
8 administrator or sheriff shall record its deed and shall
9 collect said recording fee at the time of sale.

 141.620. 1. In addition to all amounts due on any tax
2 bill, including principal, interest, penalties, attorney's
3 fees, and costs, as now fixed by law, there shall be imposed
4 and charged as a part of the costs on each such tax bill a
5 suit penalty of five percent of the principal amount of the
6 tax bill to be due to the collector upon the filing of the
7 petition with the circuit clerk.

8 2. The collector shall set up a separate fund in the
9 collector's accounts to which the collector shall credit

10 such five percent suit penalties when paid, together with
11 all other penalties and costs recovered under this action,
12 and shall retain such portion thereof as may be needed for
13 the purpose of paying the expenses and costs required to be
14 advanced under sections 141.210 to 141.810, including
15 compensation to the delinquent land tax attorney, the
16 attorney's assistants, and stenographic and clerical help,
17 and funds for the costs of publication, notices, for court
18 costs, sheriff's expenses and other costs hereunder, and
19 shall transfer the remainder of such funds annually, on
20 January first of each year, to the land trust for the use
21 and expenses of the land trust. Where no land trust exists,
22 the collector shall retain the remainder of such funds.

141.680. 1. Except for partial opt-in counties, the
2 remedies and procedures set forth in sections 141.210 to
3 141.810 shall be the exclusive remedies and procedures
4 available for the collection of delinquent and back land
5 taxes in a county **[electing]** **that elect** to come under or
6 **[which]** **that** has come under their authority. Sections
7 141.210 to 141.810 shall not be affected nor infringed upon
8 by any other laws or parts of law in conflict herewith.

9 2. Any taxing authority or owner of any tax bill is
10 hereby prohibited from advertising for sale or selling any
11 parcel of real estate for the collection of delinquent land
12 taxes due thereon, except after judgment of a court having
13 jurisdiction ordering such advertising or sale, when such
14 parcel is at such time included in any petition filed
15 pursuant to the provisions of this law.

16 3. At the option of the taxing authority or tax bill
17 owner, all claims for land taxes against any parcel of real
18 estate, which has been included in any petition filed under
19 this law, where such taxes have become due and payable after

20 any tax list or petition thereon has been filed, may be
21 asserted by amended petition or by answer filed before
22 judgment, and, if allowed by the court, shall be included in
23 the judgment against such parcel of real estate.

141.700. In all counties electing to operate under
2 sections 141.210 to 141.810 prior to January 1, 2025, there
3 is hereby created a commission for the management, sale, and
4 other disposition of tax delinquent lands, which commission
5 shall be known as "The Land Trust of _____ County,
6 Missouri", and the members thereof shall be known as land
7 trustees. Such land trust shall have and exercise all the
8 powers that are conferred by sections 141.210 to 141.810
9 necessary and incidental to the effective management, sale
10 or other disposition of real estate acquired under and by
11 virtue of the foreclosure of the lien for delinquent real
12 estate taxes, as provided in said sections, and in the
13 exercise of such powers, the land trust shall be deemed to
14 be a public corporation acting in a governmental capacity.
15 Where a county has elected to establish a land bank agency
16 under subsection 1 of section 140.981, no such land trust
17 shall be created under sections 141.700 to 141.810.

141.819. 1. In all partial opt-in counties, prior to
2 a confirmation by a court of a deemed bid under subsection 2
3 of section 141.560, a **land** trust shall be created for the
4 management, sale, and other disposition of tax delinquent
5 lands, which shall be known as "The Land Trust of _____
6 County, Missouri", and the board of which shall be known as
7 land trustees. The county commission of such county shall
8 appoint by resolution or order one or three land trustees.
9 The first appointed land trustee shall serve for a term of
10 two years and the remaining land trustees shall serve for
11 terms of three years respectively, as applicable.

12 Thereafter, land trustees shall be appointed by the county
13 commission for a term of office of two years, except that
14 all vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term.

15 2. If a county elected to establish a land bank agency
16 under subsection 1 of section 140.981, no such land trust
17 shall be created under sections 141.700 to 141.819.

18 3. Such land trust, by majority vote of the land
19 trustees, shall have the power and duty to sell, exchange,
20 or otherwise dispose of real estate, provided, however, that
21 any such sale, exchange, or disposal shall be for
22 consideration equal to or in excess of two-thirds of the
23 appraised value of such real estate so sold or conveyed, and
24 if such consideration is less than two-thirds of the
25 appraised value of such real estate, the land trust shall
26 first procure a majority vote of the county commission.

27 4. (1) The land trust shall set up accounts relating
28 to the operation and management of the land trust.

29 (2) When any parcel of real estate is sold or
30 otherwise disposed of by the land trust, the proceeds
31 therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following
32 order:

33 (a) To the payment of the expenses of sale;

34 (b) To the costs of the care, improvement, operation,
35 acquisition, demolition, management, and administration of
36 parcels of real estate owned by the land trust; and

37 (c) To the county's general fund.

38 5. No land trustee shall receive any compensation,
39 emolument, or other profit directly or indirectly from the
40 rental, management, acquisition, sale, demolition, repair,
41 rehabilitation, use, operation, ownership, or disposition of
42 any lands held by such land trust.

141.980. 1. (1) Sections 141.980 to 141.1015 shall
2 be known [and may be cited] as the "Chapter 141 Municipal
3 Land Bank Act".

4 (2) Any municipality located wholly or partially
5 within a county electing to operate wholly under the
6 provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 may establish a
7 land bank agency for the management, sale, transfer, and
8 other disposition of interests in real estate owned by such
9 land bank agency. Any such land bank agency created shall
10 be created to foster the public purpose of returning land,
11 including land that is in a nonrevenue-generating, nontax-
12 producing status to use in private ownership or for public
13 use. Such land bank agency shall be established by
14 ordinance or resolution as applicable. Such land bank
15 agency shall not own any interest in real estate that is
16 located wholly or partially outside such establishing
17 municipality. No municipality in a partial opt-in county is
18 eligible to establish a land bank agency under this section.

19 2. The beneficiaries of the land bank agency shall be
20 the taxing authorities that held or owned tax bills against
21 the respective parcels of real estate acquired by such land
22 bank agency pursuant to a deemed sale under subsection 3 of
23 section 141.560, by deed from a land trust under subsection
24 1 of section 141.984, or pursuant to a sale under
25 subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 141.550 included
26 in the judgment of the court, and the beneficiaries'
27 respective interests in each parcel of real estate shall be
28 to the extent and in the proportion and according to the
29 priorities determined by the court on the basis that the
30 principal amount of the beneficiaries' respective tax bills
31 bore to the total principal amount of all of the tax bills
32 described in the judgment.

33 3. Each land bank agency created pursuant to this
34 chapter shall be a public body corporate and politic, and
35 shall have permanent and perpetual duration until terminated
36 and dissolved in accordance with the provisions of section
37 141.1012.

 141.984. 1. Within one year of the effective date of
2 the ordinance or resolution passed establishing a land bank
3 agency under this chapter, title to any real property held
4 by a land trust created pursuant to section 141.700 that is
5 located wholly within the municipality that created the land
6 bank agency shall be transferred by deed to such land bank
7 agency.

8 2. The income of a land bank agency shall be exempt
9 from all taxation by the state and by any of its political
10 subdivisions. Upon acquiring title to any real estate, a
11 land bank agency shall immediately notify the county
12 assessor and the collector of such ownership, and such real
13 estate shall be exempt from all taxation during the land
14 bank agency's ownership thereof, in the same manner and to
15 the same extent as any other publicly owned real estate, and
16 upon the sale or other disposition of any real estate held
17 by it, such land bank agency shall immediately notify the
18 county assessor and the collector of such change of
19 ownership; provided however, that such tax exemption for
20 improved and occupied real property held by such land bank
21 agency as lessor pursuant to a ground lease shall terminate
22 upon the first such occupancy, and such land bank agency
23 shall immediately notify the county assessor and the
24 collector of such occupancy.

25 3. Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1
26 of section 141.980, a land bank agency may acquire real
27 property or interests in property by gift, devise, transfer,

28 exchange, foreclosure, purchase, or [pursuant to sections
29 141.560 to 141.580 or section 141.819. A land bank agency
30 may only purchase real property for the purpose of adding to
31 a parcel already owned by the land bank agency] **otherwise on**
32 **terms and conditions and in a manner the land bank agency**
33 **considers proper.**

34 4. Subject to the limitation set forth in subsection 1
35 of section 141.980, a land bank agency may acquire property
36 by purchase contracts, installment sales contracts, and land
37 contacts, and may accept transfers from political
38 subdivisions upon such terms and conditions as agreed to by
39 the land bank agency and the political subdivision. Subject
40 to the limitation set forth in subsection 1 of section
41 141.980, a land bank agency may bid on any parcel of real
42 estate offered for sale at a sheriff's foreclosure sale held
43 in accordance with section 141.550. Notwithstanding any
44 other law to the contrary, but subject to the limitation set
45 forth in subsection 1 of section 141.980, any political
46 subdivision may transfer to the land bank agency real
47 property and interests in real property of the political
48 subdivision on such terms and conditions and according to
49 such procedures as determined by the political subdivision.

50 5. A land bank agency shall maintain all of its real
51 property in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the
52 jurisdictions in which the real property is located.

53 6. Upon confirmation under section 141.580 of a
54 sheriff's foreclosure sale of a parcel of real estate to a
55 land bank agency under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of
56 section 141.550, said land bank agency shall pay the amount
57 of the land bank agency's bid that exceeds the amount of all
58 tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties,
59 attorney's fees and costs then due thereon. Such excess

60 shall be applied and distributed in accordance with
61 subsections 3 and 4 of section 141.580, exclusive of
62 subdivision (3) of subsection 3 thereof. Upon such
63 confirmation by the court, the collector shall mark the tax
64 bills included in the judgment as "cancelled by sale to the
65 land bank" and shall take credit for the full amount of such
66 tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties,
67 attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in
68 the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.

141.1009. 1. A land bank agency shall be authorized
2 to file an action to quiet title pursuant to section 527.150
3 as to any real property in which the land bank agency has an
4 interest. For purposes of any and all such actions, the
5 land bank agency shall be deemed to be the holder of
6 sufficient legal and equitable interests, and possessory
7 rights, so as to qualify the land bank agency as adequate
8 petitioner in such action.

9 2. Prior to the filing of an action to quiet title the
10 land bank agency shall conduct an examination of title to
11 determine the identity of any and all persons and entities
12 possessing a claim or interest in or to the real property.
13 Service of the petition to quiet title shall be provided to
14 all such interested parties by the following methods:

15 (1) Registered or certified mail to such identity and
16 address as reasonably ascertainable by an inspection of
17 public records;

18 (2) In the case of occupied real property by first
19 class mail, addressed to "Occupant";

20 (3) By posting a copy of the notice on the real
21 property;

22 (4) By publication in a newspaper of general
23 circulation in the municipality in which the property is
24 located; and

25 (5) Such other methods as the court may order or as
26 may be required by prevailing notions of due process.

27 3. As part of the petition to quiet title the land
28 bank agency shall file an affidavit identifying all parties
29 potentially having an interest in the real property, and the
30 form of notice provided.

31 4. The court shall schedule a hearing on the petition
32 within ninety days following filing of the petition, and as
33 to all matters upon which an answer was not filed by an
34 interested party the court shall issue its final judgment
35 within one hundred twenty days of the filing of the petition.

36 5. A land bank agency shall be authorized to join in a
37 single petition to quiet title one or more parcels of real
38 property.

141.1020. Notwithstanding any provision of sections
2 141.980 to 141.1020 to the contrary, a land bank agency may
3 rent or lease property held by the land bank agency for
4 community, noncommercial, **and** agricultural uses.

249.255. 1. Should a public sewer district created
2 and organized pursuant to constitutional or statutory
3 authority place a lien upon a customer's property for unpaid
4 sewer charges, the lien, once properly recorded, shall have
5 priority above all liens except for those taxes levied for
6 state and county purposes.

7 2. Should the sewer charges of a public sewer district
8 created and organized pursuant to constitutional or
9 statutory authority remain unpaid for a period in excess of
10 three months, the district, after notice to the customer by
11 certified mail, shall have the authority at its discretion,

12 to disconnect the customer's sewer line from the district's
13 line or request any private water company, public water
14 supply district, or any municipality supplying water to the
15 premises to discontinue service to the customer until such
16 time as the sewer charges and all related costs of this
17 section are paid.

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