

1 AN ACT in relation to taxes.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 21-135 and 21-265 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/21-135)

7 Sec. 21-135. Mailed notice of application for judgment  
8 and sale. Not less than 15 days before the date of  
9 application for judgment and sale of delinquent properties,  
10 the county collector shall mail, by registered or certified  
11 mail, a notice of the forthcoming application for judgment  
12 and sale to the person shown by the current collector's  
13 warrant book to be the party in whose name the taxes were  
14 last assessed and, if applicable, to the party specified  
15 under Section 15-170. The notice shall include the intended  
16 dates of application for judgment and sale and commencement  
17 of the sale, and a description of the properties. The county  
18 collector must present proof of the mailing to the court  
19 along with the application for judgement.

20 In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, a copy  
21 of this notice shall also be mailed by the county collector  
22 by registered or certified mail to any lienholder of record  
23 who annually requests a copy of the notice. The failure of  
24 the county collector to mail a notice or its non-delivery to  
25 the lienholder shall not affect the validity of the judgment.

26 In counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, notice  
27 shall not be mailed to any person when, under Section 14-15,  
28 a certificate of error has been executed by the county  
29 assessor or by both the county assessor and board of appeals  
30 (until the first Monday in December 1998 and the board of  
31 review beginning the first Monday in December 1998 and

1 thereafter), except as provided by court order under Section  
2 21-120.

3 The collector shall collect \$12 ~~\$10~~ from the proceeds of  
4 each sale to cover the costs of registered or certified  
5 mailing and the costs of advertisement and publication. If a  
6 taxpayer pays the taxes on the property after the notice of  
7 the forthcoming application for judgment and sale is mailed  
8 but before the sale is made, then the collector shall collect  
9 \$12 ~~\$10~~ from the taxpayer to cover the costs of registered or  
10 certified mailing and the costs of advertisement and  
11 publication.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-126, eff. 7-11-95; 89-671, eff. 8-14-96;  
13 90-334, eff. 8-8-97.)

14 (35 ILCS 200/21-265)

15 Sec. 21-265. Scavenger sale; persons ineligible to bid  
16 or purchase.

17 (a) No person, except a unit of local government, shall  
18 be eligible to bid or receive a certificate of purchase at  
19 any sale under Section 21-260 unless that person has  
20 completed and delivered to the county clerk a true, accurate  
21 and complete application for certificate of purchase which  
22 shall affirm that:

23 (1) the person has not bid upon or applied to  
24 purchase any property at the sale for a person who is the  
25 party or agent of the party who owns the property or is  
26 responsible for the payment of the delinquent taxes;

27 (2) the person is not, nor is he or she the agent  
28 for, the owner or party responsible for payment of the  
29 general taxes on any property which is located in the  
30 same county in which the sale is held and which is tax  
31 delinquent or forfeited for all or any part of each of 2  
32 or more years, excepting any year for which a certificate  
33 of error issued under Sections 14-15, 14-20 and 14-25 is

1 pending for adjudication; and  
2 (3) the person, although otherwise eligible to bid,  
3 has not either directly or through an agent twice during  
4 the same sale or the immediately preceding scavenger sale  
5 under Section 21-260 failed to complete a purchase by the  
6 immediate payment of the minimum bid or the payment of  
7 the balance of a bid within the time provided by Section  
8 21-260.

9 (Source: P.A. 86-949; 87-669; 88-455.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.