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STATEMENT OF FACT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 941, L.D. 1180, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Purchase of Tax Delinquent Land by Municipal Officials."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'36 MRSA §946, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 646, is further amended by adding a new paragraph after the 2nd paragraph to read:

No municipal officer shall, while holding municipal office, acquire from that municipality any interest in real estate acquired by that municipality on account of nonpayment of taxes, unless such sale occurs by sealed bid after duly advertising the same at least twice during a 7-day period prior to the acceptance of bids. Any town official who submits a sealed bid shall not take part in the bid acceptance process except that a municipal officer may purchase tax acquired property if the property was owned by the municipal officer's son, daughter, spouse or parent immediately prior to its acquisition by the municipality and if such purchase is authorized by the municipality.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment includes any municipal officer, provides that any acquisition of tax delinquent land by a municipal official must be by sealed bidding process and permits acquisition under certain circumstances.

Filed by Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs.  
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