

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " $\mathcal{E}$ " to S.P. 799, L.D. 2345, Bill, "AN ACT to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Laws of Maine."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 157 the following: 'Sec. 157-A. 36 MRSA §942, 2nd ¶, first sentence, is amended to read:

The tax collector may, after the expiration of 8 months and within one year after the date of original commitment of a tax, give to the person against whom said tax is assessed, or leave at his last and usual place of abode, or send by registered mail to his last known address, a notice in writing signed by said tax collector stating the amount of such tax, describing the real estate on which the tax is assessed, alleging that a lien is claimed on said real estate to secure the payment of the tax, and demanding the payment of said tax within 10 days after service or mailing of such notice with \$1 for said tax collector for making the demand <u>together with the</u> registered mail fee.

Sec. 157-B. 36 MRSA §942, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 536, §26, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The costs to be paid by the taxpayer shall be \$6 plus all registered mail fees. Upon redemption, the municipality shall prepare and record a discharge of the tax lien mortgage.

Sec. 157-C. 36 MRSA §943, 5th ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 368, is amended to read: The municipal treasurer shall notify the party named on said tax lien mortgage not more than 45 days nor less than 30 days previous to the foreclosing date of the said tax lien mortgage, in <u>a</u> writing <u>left at his last and usual place of abode or sent</u> by registered or certified mail, <u>to his last known address</u> of the impending automatic foreclosure, indicating within the notice the exact date of foreclosure.'

## Statement of Fact

This amendment permits notice of impending foreclosure to be sent to the delinquent taxpayer's last known address and allows recoupment of registered mail fees from the delinquent taxpayer.

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