

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Sale of Tax Acquired Land.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Notice of sale.** When any town at its meeting, acting under a proper article of the warrant, shall have authorized the sale of real estate acquired by the town for delinquent taxes, and a reasonable offer has been received for the sale of a parcel of such real estate, prior to any conveyance, the municipal officers shall give notice by causing to be posted for 15 days in 2 public and conspicuous places a description sufficient to identify the property, the name of the latest previous owner, the amount of the offer, and a statement that the parcel is to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the time and place stated in the notice. The constable, or person posting such notices shall file at the time of posting with the town clerk a copy of the notice. The town clerk shall then retain 1 copy for record and forward the other copy to the registry of deeds of that county for recording by that office.

**Sec. 2. Previous owner may purchase.** After a notice has been posted in accordance with the provisions of section 1, the latest previous owner may, prior to the advertised time of the sale, purchase the parcel for the

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amount of the town's financial interest as represented by delinquent taxes, costs and interest. Should a parcel be sold for more than the town's financial interest, the difference less 25%, shall be returned to the latest previous owner.

**Sec. 3. Municipal officer not to purchase.** No municipal officer shall purchase tax acquired land from the town of which he is a resident, or until 30 days after he has ceased to be an officer of the town.