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

36 MRSA § 943, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 630, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The municipal treasurer shall notify the party named on the tax lien mortgage and each record holder of a mortgage on the real estate not more than 45 days nor less than 30 days before the foreclosing date of the tax lien mortgage, in a writing left at his last and usual place of abode or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his last known address of the impending automatic foreclosure and indicating the exact date of foreclosure. If notice is not given in the time period specified in this section to the party named on the tax lien mortgage or to any record holder of a mortgage, the person not receiving timely notice shall have the right to redeem the tax lien mortgage until 30 days after the treasurer does provide notice in the manner specified in this section.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 30

H. P. 81 — L. D. 120

AN ACT Relating to Appeals by Taxpayers from Municipal Assessment.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 706, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 509, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

If notice is given by mail and the taxpayer does not furnish the list, he is barred of his right to make application to the assessor or assessors, chief assessor or State Tax Assessor or any appeal therefrom for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes the list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 706, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 509, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

If the assessor or assessors, chief assessor or the State Tax Assessor fail to give notice by mail, the taxpayer is not barred of his right to make application for abatement provided that upon demand the taxpayer shall answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of his property liable to be taxed in the State; and a refusal or neglect to answer the inquiries and subscribe the same bars an appeal, but the list and answers shall not be conclusive upon the assessor or assessors, chief assessor or the State Tax Assessor.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA § 843, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 509, § 18, is amended to read:

Where the municipality has adopted a board of assessment review, if the assessors refuse to make the abatement asked for, the applicant may apply in writing to the board of assessment review within ~~30~~ **60** days after notice of the decision from which such appeal is being taken or after the application shall be deemed to have been denied, and if the board thinks he is over-assessed, he shall be granted such reasonable abatement as the board thinks proper.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA § 843, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 509, § 18, is amended to read:

If the chief assessor, municipal officer or the State Tax Assessor refuses to make the abatement asked for, the applicant may apply in writing to the State Board of Assessment Review within ~~30~~ **60** days after notice of the decision from which such appeal is being taken or after the application shall be deemed to have been denied, and if the board thinks he is over-assessed, he shall be granted such reasonable abatement as the board thinks proper.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA § 844, first sentence, as amended by PL 1979, c. 666, § 22, is further amended to read:

Except where the municipality has adopted a board of assessment review or has been designated as a primary assessing area, if the assessors refuse to make the abatement asked for, the applicant may apply to the county commissioners, within ~~30~~ **60** days after notice of the decisions from which the appeal is being taken, or within ~~30~~ **60** days after the application shall be deemed to be denied.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 31

S. P. 111 — L. D. 240

AN ACT to Permit Auctioneers to Conduct Auctions for Charitable Organizations without Posting an Additional Bond under the Charitable Solicitations Act.

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

9 MRSA § 5008, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 678, § 9, is amended to read:

The registration fee and bond required by this chapter shall be waived for an auctioneer, when he engages in conduct for which he is already bonded, who is