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AMEND House Commit	ttee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 61, Page 17, Section 140.410, Line 18
by inserting after all of sa	aid Section and Line the following:
"141.210. Sectio	ons 141.210 to [141.810] 141.982 shall be known by the short title of
"Land Tax Collection La	w".
141.220. The fol	lowing words, terms and definitions, when used in sections 141.210 to
141.810 and sections 141	1.980 to 141.982, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this
section, except where the	e text clearly indicates a different meaning:
(1) "Appraiser" s	shall mean a state licensed or certified appraiser licensed or certified
pursuant to chapter 339 v	who is not an employee of the collector or collection authority;
(2) "Collector" sl	hall mean the collector of the revenue in any county affected by section
141.210 to 141.810 and s	sections 141.980 to 141.982;
(3) "County" sha	all mean any county of the first class in this state having a charter form
government, any county	of the first class not having a charter form of government with a
population of at least one	e hundred fifty thousand but less than one hundred sixty thousand and a
county of the first class n	not having a charter form of government with a population of at least
eighty-two thousand but	less than eighty-five thousand;
(4) "Court" shall	mean the circuit court of any county affected by sections 141.210 to
141.810 and sections 141	1.980 to 141.982;
(5) "Delinquent l	land tax attorney" shall mean a licensed attorney-at-law, employed or
designated by the collect	or as hereinafter provided;
(6) "Land bank a	gency", an agency created under section 141.980;
(7) "Land bank c	commission", a commission created under section 141.980;
(8) "Land taxes"	shall mean taxes on real property or real estate and shall include the
taxes both on land and th	ne improvements thereon;
[(7)] <u>(9)</u> "Land tr	rustees" and "land trust" shall mean the land trustees and land trust as the
same are created by and	described in section 141.700;
	cipality" shall include any incorporated city or town, or a part thereof,

1	located in whole or in part within a county of class one, which municipality now has or which
2	may hereafter contain a population of two thousand five hundred inhabitants or more, according to
3	the last preceding federal decennial census;
4	[(9)] (11) "Person" shall mean any individual, male or female, firm, copartnership, joint
5	adventure, association, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by
6	any state or federal court, trustee otherwise created, syndicate, or any other group or combination
7	acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number;
8	(12) "Private sale" and "private foreclosure sale", a sheriff's private foreclosure sale to a
9	land bank agency under a tax lien foreclosure judgment as provided in sections 141.210 to
10	141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.902;
11	[(10)] (13) "School district", "road district", "water district", "sewer district", "levee
12	district", "drainage district", "special benefit district", "special assessment district", or "park
13	district" shall include those located within a county as such county is described in subdivision (3)
14	of this section;
15	[(11)] (14) "Sheriff" and "circuit clerk" shall mean the sheriff and circuit clerk,
16	respectively, of any county affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to
17	<u>141.982;</u>
18	[(12)] (15) "Tax bill" as used in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to
19	141.982 shall represent real estate taxes and the lien thereof, whether general or special, levied
20	and assessed by any taxing authority;
21	[(13)] (16) "Tax district" shall mean the state of Missouri and any county, municipality,
22	school district, road district, water district, sewer district, levee district, drainage district, special
23	benefit district, special assessment district, or park district, located in any municipality or county
24	as herein described;
25	[(14)] (17) "Tax lien" shall mean the lien of any tax bill as defined in [subdivision (12) of]
26	this section;
27	[(15)] (18) "Taxing authority" shall include any governmental, managing, administering
28	or other lawful authority, now or hereafter empowered by law to issue tax bills, the state of
29	Missouri or any county, municipality, school district, road district, water district, sewer district,
30	levee district, drainage district, special benefit district, special assessment district, or park district,
31	affected by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982.
32	141.250. 1. The respective liens of the tax bills for general taxes of the state of Missouri,
33	the county, any municipality and any school district, for the same tax year, shall be equal and first
34	liens upon the real estate described in the respective tax bills thereof; provided, however, that the
35	liens of such tax bills for the latest year for which tax bills are unpaid shall take priority over the
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liens of tax bills levied and assessed for less recent years, and the lien of such tax bills shall rate in priority in the order of the years for which they are delinquent, the lien of the tax bill longest delinquent being junior in priority to the lien of the tax bill for the next most recent tax year.

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- 2. All tax bills for other than general taxes shall constitute liens junior to the liens for general taxes upon the real estate described therein; provided, however, that a tax bill for other than general taxes, of the more recent issue shall likewise be senior to any such tax bill of less recent date.
- 3. The proceeds derived from the sale of any lands encumbered with a tax lien or liens, or held by the land trustees or acquired by a land bank agency a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by redemption under subsection 3 of section 141.981, by gift under subsection 2 of section 141.980, or by deed from land trustees under subsection 1 of section 141.980, shall be distributed to the owners of such liens in the order of the seniority of the liens, or their respective interests as shown by the records of the land trust or such land bank agency. Those holding liens of equal rank shall share in direct proportion to the amounts of their respective liens.
- 141.290. 1. The collector shall compile lists of all state, county, school, and other tax bills collectible by him which are delinquent according to his records and he shall combine such lists with the list filed by any taxing authority or tax bill owner.
- 2. The collector shall assign a serial number to each parcel of real estate in each list and if suit has been filed in the circuit court of the county on any delinquent tax bill included in any list, the collector shall give the court docket number of such suit and some appropriate designation of the place where such suit is pending, and such pending suit so listed in any petition filed pursuant to the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982 shall, without further procedure or court order, be deemed to be consolidated with the suit brought under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982, and such pending suit shall thereupon be abated.
- 3. The collector shall deliver such combined lists to the delinquent land tax attorney from time to time but not later than April the first of each year.
- 4. The delinquent land tax attorney shall incorporate such lists in petitions in the form prescribed in section 141.410, and shall file such petitions with the circuit clerk not later than June first of each year.
- 141.300. 1. The collector shall receipt for the aggregate amount of such delinquent tax bills appearing on the list or lists filed with him under the provisions of section 141.290, which receipt shall be held by the owner or holder of the tax bills or by the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of the taxing authority so filing such list with the collector.
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2. The collector shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, file with the owner or der of any tax bill or with the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing		
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authority, a detailed statement, verified by affidavit, of all taxes collected by him during the preceding month which appear on the list or lists received by him, and shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month, pay the same, less his commissions and costs payable to the county, to the tax bill owner or holder or to the treasurer or other corresponding financial officer of any taxing authority; provided, however, that the collector shall be given credit for the full amount of any tax bill which is bid in by the land trustees and where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by the land trust or where title to the real estate described in such tax bill is taken by the land bank agency under a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560.

- 141.320. 1. The collector shall at his option appoint a delinquent land tax attorney at a compensation of ten thousand dollars per year, or in counties having a county counselor, the collector shall at his option designate the county counselor and such of his assistants as shall appear necessary to act as the delinquent land tax attorney.
- 2. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not the county counselor, with the approval of the collector, may appoint one or more assistant delinquent land tax attorneys at salaries of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than four hundred dollars per month, and such clerical employees as may be necessary, at salaries to be fixed by the collector at not less than three hundred dollars and not more than four hundred dollars per month; and the appointed delinquent tax attorney may incur such reasonable expenses as are necessary for the performance of his duties.
- 3. The delinquent land tax attorney and his assistants shall perform legal services for the collector and shall act as attorney for him in the prosecution of all suits brought for the collection of land taxes; but they shall not perform legal services for the land trust or any land bank agency.
- 4. Salaries and expenses of a delinquent land tax attorney who is not also the county counselor, his assistants and his employees shall be paid monthly out of the treasury of the county from the same funds as employees of the collector whenever the funds provided for by sections 141.150, 141.270, and 141.620 are not sufficient for such purpose.
- 5. The compensation herein provided shall be the total compensation for a delinquent land tax attorney who is not also a county counselor, his assistants and employees, and when the compensation received by him or owing to him by the collector exceeds ten thousand dollars in any one calendar year by virtue of the sums charged and collected pursuant to the provisions of section 141.150, the surplus shall be credited and applied by the collector to the expense of the delinquent land tax attorney and to the compensation of his assistants and employees, and any sum then remaining shall be paid into the county treasury on or before the first day of March of each year and credited to the general revenue fund of the county.
- 6. A delinquent land tax attorney who is not also the county counselor shall make a return quarterly to the county commission of such county of all compensation received by him, and of all

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1	amounts owing to him by the collector, and of all salaries and expenses of any assistants and
2	employees, stating the same in detail, and verifying such amounts by his affidavit.
3	141.410. 1. A suit for the foreclosure of the tax liens herein provided for shall be
4	instituted by filing in the appropriate office of the circuit clerk a petition, which petition shall
5	contain a caption, a copy of the list so furnished to the delinquent land tax attorney by the
6	collector, and a prayer. Such petition without further allegation shall be deemed to be sufficient.
7	2. The caption shall be in the following form:
8	In the Circuit Court of County, Missouri,
9	In the Matter of
10	Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes
11	By Action in Rem.
12	Collector of Revenue of County, Missouri,
13	Plaintiff
14	-VS
15	Parcels of Land Encumbered with Delinquent Tax Liens
16	Defendants.
17	3. The petition shall conclude with a prayer that all tax liens upon such real estate be
18	foreclosed; that the court determine the amounts and priorities of all tax bills, together with
19	interest, penalties, costs, and attorney's fees; that the court order such real estate to either be sold
20	by the sheriff at public sale as provided by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to
21	141.982 and that thereafter a report of such sale be made by the sheriff to the court for further
22	proceedings under sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982, or be sold by the
23	sheriff at a private sale to a land bank agency if so designated by such land bank agency within
24	thirty days after judgment of foreclosure has been entered. Any additional costs relating to such a
25	private sale incurred by the county shall be reimbursed by such land bank agency to the county
26	within thirty days after the county submits a bill therefor to such land bank agency.
27	4. The delinquent land tax attorney within ten days after the filing of any such petition,
28	shall forward by United States registered mail to each person or taxing authority having filed a list
29	of delinquent tax bills with the collector as provided by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections
30	141.980 to 141.982 a notice of the time and place of the filing of such petition and of the
31	newspaper in which the notice of publication has been or will be published.
32	5. The petition when so filed shall have the same force and effect with respect to each
33	parcel of real estate therein described, as a separate suit instituted to foreclose the tax lien or liens
34	against any one of said parcels of real estate.
35	141.420. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 141.520, any person
36	having any right, title or interest in, or lien upon, any parcel of real estate described in such
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petition, may redeem such parcel of real estate by paying to the collector all of the sums 1 mentioned therein, including principal, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due, at 2 any time prior to the time of the public foreclosure sale or private foreclosure sale of such real 3 4 estate by the sheriff. 5 2. In the event of failure to redeem prior to the time of the public foreclosure sale or 6 private foreclosure sale of such parcel by the sheriff, such person shall be barred and forever 7 foreclosed of all his right, title and interest in and to the parcels of real estate described in such petition. 8 9 3. Upon redemption, as permitted by this section, the person redeeming shall be entitled to 10 a certificate of redemption from the collector describing the property in the same manner as it is described in such petition, and the collector shall thereupon note on his records the word 11 "redeemed" and the date of such payment opposite the description of such parcel of real estate. 12 13 4. The collector shall promptly notify the taxing authority and the delinquent land tax 14 attorney of such redemption, and such payment shall operate as a release of the lien of the tax bill 15 or bills involved and as a dismissal of the suit so far as such tax bill or bills are concerned. 16 141.430. 1. Upon the filing of such suits with the circuit clerk, the delinquent land tax attorney shall forthwith cause a notice of foreclosure to be published four times, once a week, 17 18 during successive weeks, and on the same day of each week, in a daily newspaper of general circulation regularly published in such county, qualified according to law for the publication of 19 public notices and advertisements. 20 21 2. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form: 22 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES, 23 BY ACTION IN REM Public notice is hereby given that on the day of, 20.., the Collector of Revenue of 24 County, Missouri, filed a petition, being suit No., in the Circuit Court of County, 25 Missouri, at (stating the city), for the foreclosure of liens for delinquent land taxes (except 26 liens in favor of the United States of America, if any) against the real estate situated in such 27 28 county, all as described in said petition. 29 The object of said suit is to obtain from the Court a judgment foreclosing the tax liens 30 against such real estate and ordering the sale of such real estate for the satisfaction of said tax 31 liens thereon (except liens in favor of the United States of America, if any), including principal, 32 interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs. Such action is brought against the real estate only and 33 no personal judgment shall be entered therein. 34 The serial number assigned by the Collector to each parcel of real estate, a description of 35 each such parcel, a statement of the total principal amount of all delinquent tax bills against each 36 such parcel of real estate, all of which, as to each parcel, is more fully set out and itemized in the

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aforesaid petition, and the name of the last known person appearing on the records of the collector in whose name said tax bills were listed or charged for the year preceding the calendar year in which the list described in said petition was filed with the collector, are, respectively, as follows: (Here set out the respective serial numbers, descriptions, names, and statements of total principal amounts of tax bills, next above referred to.) The total principal amounts of delinquent taxes set out in this notice do not include the lawful interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs which have accrued against the respective parcels of real estate, all of which in each case is set out and itemized in the aforesaid petition. Any person or taxing authority owning or holding any tax bill or claiming any right, title or interest in or to or lien upon any such parcel of real estate, must file an answer to such suit in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the aforesaid County, and a copy of such answer with the Delinquent Land Tax Attorney at the office of the Collector of Revenue of said County, on or before the day of, 20..., and in such answer shall set forth in detail the nature and amount of such interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure of the tax liens, or any affirmative relief he or it may be entitled to assert with respect thereto. Any person having any right, title or interest in or to, or lien upon, any parcel of such real estate, may redeem such parcel of real estate by paying all of the sums mentioned therein, to the undersigned Collector of Revenue, including principal, interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs then due, at any time prior to the time of the public foreclosure sale or the private foreclosure sale of such real estate by the sheriff. In the event of failure to answer or redeem on or before the date herein fixed as the last day for filing answer in the suit, by any person having the right to answer or redeem, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed as to any defense or objection he might have to the foreclosure of such liens for delinquent taxes and a judgment of foreclosure may be taken by default. Redemption may be made, however, up to the time fixed for the holding of sheriff's public foreclosure sale or the private foreclosure sale of any such real estate, and thereafter there shall be no equity of redemption and each such person having any right, title or interest in or to, or any lien upon, any such parcel of real estate described in the petition so failing to answer or redeem as aforesaid, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any right, title or interest in or lien upon or any equity of redemption in said real estate. Collector of Revenue County, Missouri

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	taxes were billed or charged, as to	o one or more parcels of real estate describe	d in a certain petition
)	bearing cause No (fill in num	ber of case) filed in the Circuit Court of (County, Missouri, at
,	(fill in city), on, 20, where	ein a foreclosure of the lien of various deline	quent tax bills is
	sought and a court order asked fo	r the purpose of selling said real estate at a p	oublic sale <u>or a</u>
)	private sale for payment of all del	linquent tax bills, together with interest, pen	alties, attorney's fees
)	and costs. Publication of notice of	of such foreclosure was commenced on the .	day of, 20, in
	(here insert name of newspape	er), a daily newspaper published in (here	insert name of city),
)	Missouri.	Unless all delinq	uent taxes be paid
	upon the parcels of real estate des	scribed in said petition and said real estate re	edeemed prior to the
	time of the public foreclosure sale	e or private foreclosure sale of such real esta	ate by the sheriff, the
	owner or any person claiming any	y right, title or interest in or to, or lien upon,	any such parcels of
	real estate, shall be forever barred	l and foreclosed of all right, title and interes	t and equity of
	redemption in and to such parcels	s of real estate; provided, however, that any	such persons shall
	have the right to file an answer in	said suit on or before the day of, 20	, in the office of the
)	Circuit Clerk and a copy thereof	with the Delinquent Land Tax Attorney, sett	ing forth in detail the
)	nature and amount of the interest	and any defense or objection to the foreclos	sure.
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141.480. 1. Upon the trial of the cause upon the question of foreclosure, the tax bill, whether general or special, issued by any taxing authority shall be prima facie proof that the tax described in the tax bill has been validly assessed at the time indicated by the tax bill and that the tax is unpaid. Absent any answer the court shall take the allegations of the petition as confessed. Any person alleging any jurisdictional defect or invalidity in the tax bill or in the sale thereof must particularly specify in his answer the defect or basis of invalidity, and must, upon trial, affirmatively establish such defense.

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- 2. Prior to formal hearing, the court may conduct an informal hearing for the purpose of clarifying issues, and shall attempt to reach an agreement with the parties upon a stipulated statement of facts. The court shall hear the evidence offered by the collector or relator as the case may be, and by all answering parties, and shall determine the amount of each and every tax bill proved by the collector or any answering party, together with the amount of interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs accruing upon each tax bill and the date from which interest began to accrue upon each tax bill and the rate thereof. The court shall hear evidence and determine every issue of law and of fact necessary to a complete adjudication of all tax liens asserted by any and every pleading, and may also hear evidence and determine any other issue of law or fact affecting any other right, title, or interest in or to, or lien upon, such real estate, sought to be enforced by any party to the proceeding against any other party to the proceeding who has been served by process or publication as authorized by law, or who has voluntarily appeared, and shall determine the order and priority of the liens and of any other rights or interest put in issue by the pleadings.
- 3. After the court has first determined the validity of the tax liens of all tax bills affecting parcels of real estate described in the petition, the priorities of the respective tax bills and the amounts due thereon, including principal, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, the court shall thereupon enter judgment of foreclosure of such liens and fix the time and place of the public foreclosure sale and the time of the private foreclosure sale. The petition shall be dismissed as to any parcel of real estate redeemed prior to the time fixed for the sheriff's public or private foreclosure sale thereof as provided in sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982. If the parcel of real estate auctioned off at sheriff's public foreclosure sale or sold at sheriff's private foreclosure sale is sold for a sum sufficient to fully pay the principal amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, and for no more, and such sale is confirmed by the court, then all other proceedings as to such parcels of real estate shall be finally dismissed as to all parties and interests other than tax bill owners or holders; provided, however, that any parties seeking relief other than an interest in or lien upon the real estate may continue with said suit to a final adjudication of such other issues; provided, furth prio at

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sheriff's <u>public</u> foreclosure sale is sold for a sum greater than the total amount necessary to pay the principal amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs, and such sale is confirmed by the court, and no appeal is taken by any person claiming any right, title or interest in or to or lien upon said parcel of real estate or by any person or taxing authority owning or holding or claiming any right, title or interest in or to any tax bills within the time fixed by law for the filing of notice of appeal, the court shall thereupon order the sheriff to make distribution to the owners or holders of the respective tax bills included in the judgment of the amounts found to be due and in the order of priorities. Thereafter all proceedings in the suit shall be ordered by the court to be dismissed as to such persons or taxing authorities owning, holding or claiming any right, title, or interest in any such tax bill or bills so paid, and the case shall proceed as to any parties claiming any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the parcel of real estate affected by such tax bill or bills as to their respective claims to such surplus funds then remaining in the hands of the sheriff.

- 4. Whenever an answer is filed to the petition, as herein provided, a severance of the action as to all parcels of real estate affected by such answer shall be granted, and the issues raised by the petition and such answer shall be tried separate and apart from the other issues in the suit, but the granting of such severance shall not delay the trial or other disposition of any other issue in the case. A separate appeal may be taken from any action of the court affecting any right, title, or interest in or to, or lien upon, such real estate, other than issues of law and fact affecting the amount or validity of the lien of tax bills, but the proceeding to foreclose the lien of any tax bills shall not be stayed by such appeal. The trial shall be conducted by the court without the aid of a jury and the suit shall be in equity. This action shall take precedence over and shall be triable before any other action in equity affecting the title to such real estate, upon motion of any interested party.
- 141.520. 1. With respect to parcels of real estate to be sold in a public foreclosure sale, after the judgment of foreclosure has been entered, or, after a motion for a new trial has been overruled, or, if an appeal be taken from such judgment and the judgment has been affirmed, after the sheriff shall have been notified by any party to the suit that such judgment has been affirmed on appeal and that the mandate of the appellate court is on file with the circuit clerk, there shall be a waiting period of six months before any advertisement of sheriff's <u>public foreclosure</u> sale shall be published.
- 2. If any such parcel of real estate <u>to be sold in a public foreclosure sale</u> be not redeemed, or if no written contract providing for redemption be made within six months after the date of the judgment of foreclosure, if no motion for rehearing be filed, and, if filed, within six months after such motion may have been overruled, or, if an appeal be taken from such judgment and the judgment be affirmed, within six months after the sheriff shall have been notified by any party to

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the suit that such judgment has been affirmed on appeal and that the mandate of the appellate court is on file with the circuit clerk, the sheriff shall commence to advertise the real estate described in the judgment and shall fix the date of the public foreclosure sale within thirty days after the date of the first publication of the notice of sheriff's sale as herein provided, and shall at such sale proceed to sell the real estate. 3. With respect to parcels of real estate to be sold to a land bank agency in a private foreclosure sale, after the judgement of foreclosure has been entered or after a motion for a new trial has been overruled or if an appeal is taken from such judgment and the judgment has been affirmed, after the collector shall have been notified by any party to the suit that such judgment has been affirmed on appeal and that the mandate of the appellate court is on file with the clerk, there shall be a waiting period of six months before such private foreclosure sale. 4. Any provisions of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, the owner of any parcel of real property against which a judgment has been rendered shall not have the right to redeem such property from said judgment if at the time of judgment such property is assessed as residential property and the judgment finds the property has been vacant for a period of not less than six months prior to the judgment. After a judgment as provided for in this section becomes final, the waiting period shall not apply to such judgment and a sale under execution of the judgment shall be immediately held as provided under the applicable provisions of this chapter. 141.530. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 141.520, during such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of the public or the private foreclosure sale of a parcel by the sheriff, any interested party may redeem [any] such parcel of real estate as provided by this chapter. During such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of the public or the private foreclosure sale of a parcel by the sheriff, the collector may, at the option of the party entitled to redeem, enter into a written redemption contract with any such party interested in [any] such parcel of real estate, providing for payment in installments, monthly or bimonthly, of the delinquent tax bills, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs charged against such parcel of real estate, provided, however, that in no instance shall such installments exceed twelve in number or extend more than twenty-four months next after any agreement for such installment payments shall have been entered into; provided further, that upon good cause being shown by the owner of any parcel of real estate occupied as a homestead, or in the case of improved real estate with an assessed valuation of not more than three thousand five hundred dollars, owned by an individual, the income from such property being a major factor in the total income of such individual, or by anyone on his behalf, the court may, in its discretion, fix the time and terms of

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forty-eight months after any order or agreement as to installment payments shall have been made.

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[3. No redemption contracts may be used under this section for residential property which has been vacant for at least six months in any municipality contained wholly or partially within a county with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand.]

[141.530. 1. Except as

otherwise provided in section 141.520, during such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of foreclosure sale by the sheriff, any interested party may redeem any parcel of real estate as provided by this chapter. During such waiting period and at any time prior to the time of foreclosure sale by the sheriff, the collector may, at the option of the party entitled to redeem, enter into a written redemption contract with any such party interested in any parcel of real estate, other than a residential property which has been vacant for at least six months, providing for payment in installments, monthly or bimonthly, of the delinquent tax bills, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs charged against such parcel of real estate, provided, however, that in no instance shall such installments exceed twelve in number or extend more than twenty-four months next after any agreement for such installment payments have been entered into; provided further, that upon good cause being shown by the owner of any parcel of real estate occupied as a homestead, or in the case of improved real estate with an assessed valuation of not more than three thousand five hundred dollars, owned by an individual, the income from such property being a major factor in the total income of such individual, or by anyone on the individual's behalf, the court may, in its discretion, fix the time and terms of payment in such contract to permit all of such installments to be paid within not longer than forty-eight months after any order or agreement as to installment payments being made.

2. So long as such

installments are paid according to the terms of the contract, the six-month waiting period shall be extended, but if any installment is not paid when due, the extension of such waiting period shall be ended without notice, and the real estate shall forthwith be advertised for sale or included in the next notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale.]

141.540. 1. In any county at a certain front door of whose courthouse sales of real estate are customarily made by the sheriff under execution, the sheriff shall advertise for sale and sell <u>in a public foreclosure sale</u> the respective parcels of real estate ordered sold by him or her pursuant to any judgment of foreclosure by any court pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810 at any of such courthouses <u>which are not sold in a private foreclosure sale</u>, but the sale of such parcels of real estate shall be held at the same front door as sales of real estate are customarily made by the sheriff under execution.

2. Such advertisements may include more than one parcel of real estate, and shall be in			
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1	substantially the following form: NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF
2	FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES
3	No In the Circuit Court of County, Missouri. In the Matter of
4	Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes Collector of Revenue of County,
5	Missouri, Plaintiff, vs. Parcels of Land encumbered with Delinquent Tax Liens, Defendants.
6	WHEREAS, judgment has been rendered against parcels of real estate for taxes, interest,
7	penalties, attorney's fees and costs with the serial numbers of each parcel of real estate, the
8	description thereof, the name of the person appearing in the petition in the suit, and the total
9	amount of the judgment against each such parcel for taxes, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and
10	costs, all as set out in said judgment and described in each case, respectively, as follows: (Here set
11	out the respective serial numbers, descriptions, names and total amounts of each judgment, next
12	above referred to.) and,
13	WHEREAS, such judgment orders such real estate sold by the undersigned sheriff, to
14	satisfy the total amount of such judgment, including interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs,
15	NOW, THEREFORE,
16	Public Notice is hereby given that I , Sheriff of County,
17	Missouri, will sell such real estate, parcel by parcel, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for
18	cash, between the hours of nine o'clock A.M. and five o'clock P.M., at the front door of
19	the County Courthouse in , Missouri, on , the day of , 20,
20	and continuing from day to day thereafter, to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parcel of
21	real estate sold. If no acceptable bids are received as to any parcel of real estate, said parcel shall
22	be sold to the Land Trust of (insert name of County), Missouri.
23	Any bid received shall be subject to confirmation by the court
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25	Sheriff of
26	County, Missouri.
27	Delinquent Land Tax Attorney Address: First Publication
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29	3. Such advertisement shall be published four times, once a week, upon the same day of
30	each week during successive weeks prior to the date of such sale, in a daily newspaper of general
31	circulation regularly published in the county, qualified according to law for the publication of
32	public notices and advertisements.
33	4. In addition to the provisions herein for notice and advertisement of <u>public</u> sale, the
34	county collector shall enter upon the property subject to foreclosure of these tax liens and post a
35	written informational notice in any conspicuous location thereon. This notice shall describe the
36	property and advise that it is the subject of delinquent land tax collection proceedings before the
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circuit court brought pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810 and that it may be sold for the payment of delinquent taxes at a <u>public foreclosure</u> sale to be held at ten o'clock a.m., date and place, <u>or at a private foreclosure sale</u>, <u>date</u>, <u>and place</u>, and shall also contain a file number and the address and phone number of the collector. If the collector chooses to post such notices as authorized by this subsection, such posting must be made not later than the fourteenth day prior to the date of the sale.

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- 5. The collector shall, concurrently with the beginning of the publication of sale for parcels to be sold in a public foreclosure sale, or not less than thirty days prior to the sale for parcels to be sold in a private foreclosure sale, cause to be prepared and sent by [restricted, registered or certified first class mail with postage prepaid, a brief notice of the date, location, and time of sale of property in foreclosure of tax liens pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810, to the persons named in the petition as being the last known persons in whose names tax bills affecting the respective parcels of real estate described in said petition were last billed or charged on the books of the collector, or the last known owner of record, if different, and to the addresses of said persons upon said records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt]. then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any person who, from such records, appears as a successor to the person to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such person. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected of any such notices of sale that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, or in the event that any name or address does not appear on the records of the collector, then of that fact. The affidavit in addition to the recitals set forth above shall also state reason for the nondelivery of such notice.
- 6. The collector may, at his or her option, concurrently with the beginning of the publication of sale <u>for parcels to be sold in a public foreclosure sale</u>, or not less than thirty days <u>prior to the sale for parcels to be sold in a private foreclosure sale</u>, cause to be prepared and sent by [restricted, registered or certified] <u>first class</u> mail with postage prepaid, a brief notice of the

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date, location, and time of sale of property in foreclosure of tax liens pursuant to sections 141.210 to 141.810, to the mortgagee or security holder, if known, of the respective parcels of real estate described in said petition, and to the addressee of such mortgagee or security holder according to the records of the collector. [The terms "restricted", "registered" or "certified mail" as used in this section mean mail which carries on the face thereof in a conspicuous place, where it will not be obliterated, the endorsement, "DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY", and which also requires a return receipt or a statement by the postal authorities that the addressee refused to receive and receipt for such mail.] If the notice is returned to the collector by the postal authorities as undeliverable for reasons other than the refusal by the addressee to receive [and receipt for] the notice [as shown by the return receipt], then the collector shall make a search of the records maintained by the county, including those kept by the recorder of deeds, to discern the name and address of any security holder who, from such records, appears as a successor to the security holder to whom the original notice was addressed, and to cause another notice to be mailed to such security holder. The collector shall prepare and file with the circuit clerk prior to confirmation hearings an affidavit reciting to the court any name, address and serial number of the tract of real estate affected by any such notices of sale that are undeliverable because of an addressee's refusal to receive [and receipt for] the same, or of any notice otherwise nondeliverable by mail, and stating the reason for the nondelivery of such notice.

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- 141.550. 1. The <u>public foreclosure</u> sale shall be conducted, the sheriff's return thereof made, and the sheriff's deed pursuant to the sale executed, all as provided in the case of sales of real estate taken under execution except as otherwise provided in sections 141.210 to 141.810, and provided that such sale need not occur during the term of court or while the court is in session.
- 2. The following provisions shall apply to any <u>public foreclosure</u> sale pursuant to this section of property located within any municipality contained wholly or partially within a county with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand:
- (1) The sale shall be held on the day for which it is advertised, between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. and continued day to day thereafter to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parcel of real estate sold;
- (2) The sale shall be conducted publicly, by auction, for ready money. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser unless the highest bid is less than the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon. No person shall be eligible to bid at the time of the sale unless such person has, no later than ten days before the sale date, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the official charged by law with conducting the sale that he or she is not the owner of any parcel of real estate in the county which is affected by a tax bill

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which has been delinquent for more than six months and is not the owner of any parcel of real property with two or more violations of the municipality's building or housing codes. A prospective bidder may make such a demonstration by presenting statements from the appropriate collection and code enforcement officials of the municipality.

3. Such sale shall convey the whole interest of every person having or claiming any right, title or interest in or lien upon such real estate, whether such person has answered or not, subject

to rights-of-way thereon of public utilities upon which tax has been otherwise paid, and subject to

the lien thereon, if any, of the United States of America.

 4. The collector shall advance the sums necessary to pay for the publication of all advertisements required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and shall be allowed credit therefor in his or her accounts with the county. The collector shall give credit in such accounts for all such advances recovered by him or her. Such expenses of publication shall be apportioned pro rata among and taxed as costs against the respective parcels of real estate described in the judgment; provided, however, that none of the costs herein enumerated, including the costs of publication, shall constitute any lien upon the real estate after such sale.

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2. The following provisions shall apply to any sale pursuant to this section of property located within any municipality contained wholly or partially within a county with a population of over six hundred thousand and less than nine hundred thousand:

(1) The sale shall be held on the day for which it is advertised, between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. and continued day to day thereafter to satisfy the judgment as to each respective parcel of real estate sold;

(2) The sale shall be conducted publicly, by auction, for ready money. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser unless the highest bid is less than the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon. No person shall be eligible to bid at the time of the sale unless such person has, no later than ten days before the sale date, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the official charged by law with conducting the sale that he or she is not the owner of any parcel of real estate in the county which is affected by a tax bill which has been delinquent for more than six months and is not the owner of any parcel of real property with two or more convictions based on violations occurring within a two-year period of the municipality's building or housing codes. A prospective bidder may make such a demonstration by presenting statements from the appropriate collection and code enforcement officials of the municipality.

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4. The collector shall advance the sums necessary to pay for the publication of all advertisements required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and shall be allowed credit therefor in his or her accounts with the county. The collector shall give credit in such accounts for all such advances recovered by him or her. Such expenses of publication shall be apportioned pro rata among and taxed as costs against the respective parcels of real estate described in the judgment; provided, however, that none of the costs herein enumerated, including the costs of publication, shall constitute any lien upon the real estate after such sale.]

- 141.560. 1. If, when the sheriff offers the respective parcels of real estate for sale <u>at</u> <u>public foreclosure sale</u>, there be no bidders for any parcel, or there be insufficient time or opportunity to sell all of the parcels of real estate so advertised, the sheriff shall adjourn such sale from day to day at the same place and commencing at the same hour as when first offered and shall announce that such real estate will be offered or reoffered for sale at such time and place.
- 2. With respect to any parcel of real estate not located within a municipality that is an appointing authority under section 141.980, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due thereon shall be received at such sale after any parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be successive, the land trustees shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then due, and if no other bid be then received by the sheriff in excess of the bid of the trustees, and the sheriff shall so announce at the sale, then the bid of the trustees shall be announced as accepted. The sheriff shall report any such bid or bids so made by the land trustees in the same way as his report of other bids is made. The land trustees shall pay any penalties, attorney's fees or costs included in the judgment of foreclosure of such parcel of real estate, when such parcel is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trustees, as herein provided. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such sale by such land trustees, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by the land trustees as "canceled by sale to the land trust" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities.
- 3. [The land trustees shall pay any penalties, attorney's fees or costs included in the judgment of foreclosure of such parcel of real estate, when such parcel is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trustees, as herein provided. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid

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at such sale by such land trustees, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by the land trustees as "canceled by sale to the land trust" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on his books and in his statements with any other taxing authorities.] With respect to any parcel of real estate located within a municipality that is an appointing authority under section 141.980, in the event no bid equal to the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon shall be received at such sale after such parcel of real estate has been offered for sale on three different days, which need not be successive, the land bank agency for which such municipality is an appointing authority shall be deemed to have bid the full amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due, and the sheriff shall so announce at the sale, then the bid of the land bank agency shall be announced as accepted. The sheriff shall report any such bid or bids so made by such land bank agency in the same way as the sheriff's report of other bids is made. Upon confirmation by the court of such bid at such sale by such land bank agency, the collector shall mark the tax bills so bid by such land bank agency as "canceled by sale to the land bank" and shall take credit for the full amount of such tax bills, including principal amount, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, on the collector's books and in the collector's statements with any other taxing authorities. 141.570. 1. The title to any real estate which shall vest in the land trust under the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982 shall be held by the

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2. The title to any real estate which shall vest in any purchaser in a private or public foreclosure sale, upon confirmation of such sale by the court, shall be an absolute estate in fee simple, subject to rights-of-way thereon of public utilities on which tax has been otherwise paid, and subject to any lien thereon of the United States of America, if any, and all persons, including the state of Missouri, infants, incapacitated and disabled persons as defined in chapter 475, and nonresidents who may have had any right, title, interest, claim, or equity of redemption in or to, or lien upon, such lands, shall be barred and forever foreclosed of all such right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption, and the court shall order immediate possession of such real estate be given to such purchaser; provided, however, that such title shall also be subject to the liens of any tax bills which may have attached to such parcel of real estate prior to the time of the filing of the petition affecting such parcel of real estate not then delinquent, or which may have attached after

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the filing of the petition and prior to sheriff's sale and not included in any answer to such petition, but if such parcel of real estate is <u>deemed</u> sold to the land trust <u>under subsection 2 of section</u>

141.560 or deemed sold to a land bank agency under subsection 3 of section 141.560, the title thereto shall be free of any such liens to the extent of the interest of any taxing authority in such real estate; provided further, that such title shall not be subject to the lien of special tax bills which have attached to the parcel of real estate prior to November 22, 1943, but the lien of such special tax bills shall attach to the proceeds of the sheriff's sale or to the proceeds of the ultimate sale of such parcel by the land trust.

141.580. 1. After the sheriff sells any parcel of real estate, the court shall, upon its own motion or upon motion of any interested party, set the cause down for hearing to confirm the foreclosure sale thereof, even though such parcels are not all of the parcels of real estate described in the notice of sheriff's foreclosure sale. At the time of such hearing, the sheriff shall make report of the sale, and the court shall hear evidence of the value of the property offered on behalf of any interested party to the suit, and shall forthwith determine whether an adequate consideration has been paid for each such parcel; provided that the amount to be paid by a land bank agency under subsection 5 of section 141.982 for a parcel sold to such land bank agency in a private foreclosure sale shall be deemed to be adequate consideration therefor and no evidence of value shall be heard with respect to such parcel; and provided further, that the amount bid for a parcel by a land bank agency under subsection 3 of section 141.560 shall be deemed adequate consideration and no evidence of value shall be heard with respect to such parcel; and provided further, that the amount bid for a parcel by land trust under subsection 2 of section 141.560 shall be deemed adequate consideration and no evidence of value shall be heard with respect to such parcel.

2. For this purpose the court shall have power to summon any city or county official or any private person to testify as to the reasonable value of the property, and if the court finds that adequate consideration has been paid, he or she shall confirm the sale and order the sheriff to issue a deed to the purchaser. If the court finds that the consideration paid is inadequate, the court shall confirm the sale if the purchaser [may] increase his or her bid to such amount as the court [may deem] deems to be adequate[, whereupon the court may confirm the sale. If, however,] and makes such additional payment, or if all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon are not paid in full by one or more interested parties to the suit. If the court finds that the consideration is inadequate, but the purchaser declines to increase his or her bid to such an amount as the court deems adequate and make such additional payment, then the sale shall be disapproved if all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees, and costs then due thereon are paid in full by one or more interested parties to the suit, the lien of the judgment continued, and such parcel of real estate shall be again advertised and offered for sale by the sheriff to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at any

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subsequent sheriff's foreclosure sale. [Unless the court requires evidence of the value of the property conveyed to land trust, none shall be required, and the amount bid by the land trustees shall be deemed adequate consideration.]

- 3. If the sale is confirmed, the court shall order the proceeds of the sale applied in the following order:
- (1) To the payment of the costs of the publication of the notice of foreclosure and of the sheriff's foreclosure sale;
- (2) To the payment of all costs including appraiser's fee not to exceed fifteen dollars and attorney's fees;
- (3) To the payment of all tax bills adjudged to be due in the order of their priority, including principal, interest and penalties thereon.

If, after such payment, there is any sum remaining of the proceeds of the sheriff's foreclosure sale, the court shall thereupon try and determine the other issues in the suit in accordance with section 141.480. If any answering parties have specially appealed as provided in section 141.570, the court shall retain the custody of such funds pending disposition of such appeal, and upon disposition of such appeal shall make such distribution. If there are not sufficient proceeds of the sale to pay all claims in any class described, the court shall order the same to be paid pro rata in accordance with the priorities.

- 4. If there are any funds remaining of the proceeds after the sheriff's sale and after the distribution of such funds as herein set out and no person entitled to any such funds, whether or not a party to the suit, shall, within two years after such sale, appear and claim the funds, they shall [escheat to the state as provided by law] be distributed to the appropriate taxing authorities.
- 141.720. 1. The land trust shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the county, as directed by the county executive, or if the county does not have a county executive, as directed by the county commission of the county, one of whom shall be appointed by [the city council of that city] that municipality in the county which is not an appointing authority under section 141.980 and then has the largest population according to the last preceding federal decennial census, and one of whom shall be appointed by [the board of directors of the] that school district in the county which is not an appointing authority under section 141.980 and then has the largest population according to such census in the county. If any such appointing authority fails to make any appointment of a land trustee after any term expires, then the appointment shall be made by the county.
- 2. The terms of office of the land trustees shall be for four years each, except the terms of the first land trustees who shall be appointed by the foregoing appointing authorities, respectively, not sooner than twelve months and not later than eighteen months after sections 141.210 to

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141.810 take effect; provided, however, that the term of any land trustee appointed by a municipality or school district that becomes an appointing authority under section 141.980 shall thereupon terminate.

- 3. Each land trustee shall have been a resident of the county for at least five years next prior to appointment, shall not hold other salaried or compensated public office by election or appointment during service as land trustee, the duties of which would in any way conflict with his duties as land trustee, and shall have had at least ten years experience in the management or sale of real estate.
- 4. Of the first land trustees appointed under sections 141.210 to 141.810, the land trustee appointed by the county commission shall serve for a term ending February 1, 1946, the land trustee appointed by the board of directors of the school district then having the largest population in the county shall serve for a term expiring February 1, 1947, and the land trustee appointed by the city council of the city then having the largest population in the county shall serve for a term expiring February 1, 1948. Each land trustee shall serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified.
- 5. Any vacancy in the office of land trustee shall be filled for the unexpired term by the same appointing authority which made the original appointment. If any appointing authority fails to make any appointment of a land trustee within the time the first appointments are required by sections 141.210 to 141.810 to be made, or within thirty days after any term expires or vacancy occurs, then the appointment shall be made by the mayor of that city in the county then having the largest population, according to the last preceding federal decennial census.
- 6. The members shall receive for their services as land trustees a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars per year.
- 7. Each land trustee may be removed for cause by the respective appointing authority, after public hearing, if requested by the land trustee, and an opportunity to be represented by counsel and to present evidence is afforded the trustee.
- purposes of expenditure, prepared not later than [December tenth] October first of each year with copies delivered to the [county and city] taxing authorities that appointed trustee members, and shall include therein only such appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to meet the reasonable expenses of the land trust during the forthcoming fiscal year. That budget shall not become the required annual budget of the land trust unless and until it has been approved by the governing bodies of the [county or city] taxing authorities that appointed trustee members. If [either] any of the governing bodies of the [county and city] taxing authorities that appointed trustee members fail to notify the land trust in writing of any objections to the proposed annual budget on or before

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[December] November twentieth, then such failure or failures to object shall be deemed approval. In the event objections have been made and a budget for the fiscal year beginning January first has not been approved by the governing bodies of the [county and city] taxing authorities that appointed trustee members on or before January first, then the budget for the previous fiscal year shall become the approved budget for that fiscal year. Any unexpended funds from the preceding fiscal year shall be deducted from the amounts needed to meet the budget requirements of the forthcoming year.

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- 2. Copies of the budget shall be made available to the public on or before [December] October tenth, and a public hearing shall be had thereon prior to [December] October twentieth, in each year. The approved and adopted budget may be amended by the trustee members only with the approval of the governing bodies of the [county and city] taxing authorities that appointed trustee members.
- 3. If at any time there are not sufficient funds available to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land trust and of its employees, incident to the administration of sections 141.210 to 141.810, including any expenditures authorized by section 141.760, funds sufficient to pay such expenses shall be advanced and paid to the land trust upon its requisition therefor by the ad valorem taxing authorities in the county that are not appointing authorities under section 141.980, [fifty] seven percent thereof by the county commission of such county, and the other Ififty ninety-three percent by all of the [municipalities in such county as defined in section 141.220] other such ad valorem taxing authorities, in proportion to their assessed valuations [at the time of their last completed assessment for state and county purposes of the properties then in the land trust inventory located within their respective taxing jurisdictions. The land trust shall have power to requisition such funds in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total annual budget of the land trust from such sources for that fiscal year of the land trust for which there are not sufficient funds otherwise available to pay the salaries and other expenses of the land trust, but any amount in excess of twenty-five percent of the total annual budget in any fiscal year may be requisitioned by and paid to the land trust only if such additional sums are agreed to and approved by [the county commission and the respective municipalities in such county so desiring to make such payment] such ad valorem taxing authorities. All moneys so requisitioned shall be paid in a lump sum within thirty days after such requisition or the commencement of the fiscal year of the land trust for which such requisition is made, whichever is later, [and] by the county paying seven percent thereof due from the county under this section and advancing the remaining ninety-three percent due from other ad valorem taxing authorities under this section on behalf of such other ad valorem taxing authorities, and such amounts so paid shall be deposited to the credit of the land trust in some bank or trust company, subject to withdrawal by warrant as herein

provided. Amounts advanced by the county on behalf of any ad valorem taxing authority under this section shall be reimbursed to the county upon demand by the county or by the county withholding such amounts from distributions of tax moneys to such ad valorem taxing authority. 4. The fiscal year of the land trust shall commence on January first of each year. Such land trust shall audit all claims for the expenditure of money, and shall, acting by the chairman or vice chairman thereof, draw warrants therefor from time to time. 5. No warrant for the payment of any claim shall be drawn by such land trust until such claim shall have been approved by the land commissioner and shall bear the commissioner's certificate that there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the proper appropriation and sufficient unexpended cash available for the payment thereof. For any certification contrary thereto, such land commissioner shall be liable personally and on the commissioner's official bond for the amounts so certified, and shall thereupon be promptly removed from office by the land trustees. 6. In addition to the annual audit provided for in section 141.760, the land trust may be performance audited at any time by the state auditor or by the auditor of any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county that is a member of the land trust. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the land trust, and copies shall be made available to the public within thirty days of the completion of the audit. 141.790. When any parcel of real estate is sold or otherwise disposed of by the land trust, the proceeds therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following order: (1) To the payment of amounts due from the land trustees under subsection 2 of section 141.560 on the sale or other disposition of such parcel; (2) To the payment of the expenses of sale; [(2)] (3) The balance to be retained by the land trust to pay the salaries and other expenses of such land trust and of its employees, incident to the administration of sections 141.210 to 141.810, including any expenditures authorized by section 141.760, as provided for in its annual budget; [(3)] (4) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of the land trust in any fiscal year, and including a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year, [may] shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities which, at the time of the distribution, are taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being distributed. The distributions shall be in proportion to the amounts of the taxes levied on the properties by the taxing authorities; distribution shall be made on January first and July first of each year, and at such other times as the land trustees in their discretion may determine. 141.980. 1. Any municipality located wholly or partially within a county in which a land Action Taken _____ Date _____ 23

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1	trust created under section 141.700 was operating on January 1, 2011, may establish a land bank
2	agency for the management, sale, transfer, and other disposition of interest in real estate owned by
3	such land bank agency. Any such land bank agency created shall be created to foster the public
4	purpose of returning land, including land that is in a nonrevenue-generating nontax-producing
5	status, to effective use in order to provide housing, new industry, and jobs for citizens of the
6	establishing municipality, and to create new revenues for such municipality. Such land bank
7	agency shall be established by order or ordinance as applicable. Such land bank agency shall not
8	own any interest in real estate that is located outside such establishing municipality or outside
9	such county. Within one year of the effective date of an order or ordinance passed establishing
10	such a land bank agency, title to any real estate held by the land trustees of the land trust of such
11	county that is located within the establishing municipality shall be transferred by deed to such
12	land bank agency.
13	2. Any land bank agency created under this section shall be known as "The Land Bank of
14	the City of, Missouri". Such land bank agency shall have the authority to accept the grant of
15	any interest in real property made to it, or to accept gifts and grant in aid assistance. Any interest
16	in real property acquired by such land bank agency by gift shall be administered in the same
17	manner as other property sold to the land bank agency. Such land bank agency shall have and
18	exercise all the powers that are conferred by sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to
19	141.982 necessary and incidental to the effective management, sale, or other disposition of real
20	estate acquired under and by virtue of the foreclosure of the lien for delinquent real estate taxes, as
21	provided in such sections, and in the exercise of such powers, the land bank agency shall be
22	deemed to be a public corporation acting in a governmental capacity.
23	3. The beneficiaries of the land bank agency shall be the taxing authorities that held or
24	owned tax bills against the respective parcels of real estate acquired by such land bank agency
25	under a deemed sale under subsection 3 of section 141.560 or by deed from land trustees under
26	subsection 1 of this section included in the judgment of the court, and their respective interests in
27	each parcel of real estate shall be to the extent and in the proportion and according to the priorities
28	determined by the court on the basis that the principal amount of their respective tax bills bore to
29	the total principal amount of all of the tax bills described in the judgment.
30	4. The land bank agency shall be composed of three members, two of whom shall be
31	appointed by the establishing municipality, and the third shall be appointed by the school district
32	that is wholly or partially located within such municipality and county and then has the largest
33	population according to the last preceding federal decennial census. Members shall serve at the
34	pleasure of the member's appointing authority, may be employees of the appointing authority, and
35	shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy in the office of land bank commissioner shall be
36	filled by the same appointing authority that made the original appointment. If any appointing
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1	authority fails to make any appointment of a land bank commissioner within the time the first
2	appointments are required, or within thirty days after any term expires, then the appointment shall
3	be made by the other appointing authority. Any municipality or school district that is an
4	appointing authority under this section shall not be an appointing authority under section 141.720.
5	5. The land bank commissioners shall meet immediately after all have been appointed and
6	qualified, and shall select a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary. The commissioners shall each
7	furnish a surety bond, if such bond is not already covered by governmental surety bond, in a penal
8	sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars to be approved by the comptroller or director of
9	finance, the premium on such bond to be paid by the comptroller or director of finance out of the
10	city funds. Such bond shall be issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of
11	Missouri, and shall be deposited with the county clerk of such county, and shall be conditioned to
12	guarantee the faithful performance of their duties under sections 141.980 to 141.982, and shall be
13	written to cover all the commissioners.
14	6. Before entering upon the duties of office, each commissioner shall take and subscribe
15	to the following oath:
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19	I,, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the
20	Constitution of the State of Missouri; that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a
21	member of the Land Bank Agency of, Missouri; that I will, according to my best knowledge
22	and judgment, administer such tax delinquent lands held by me in trust, according to the laws of
23	this state and for the benefit of the public bodies and the tax bill owners which I represent, so help
24	me God.
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26	Subscribed and sworn to this day of, 20
27	My commission expires:
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29	Notary Public
30	141.981. 1. Such land bank agency shall be a continuing body and shall have and adopt
31	an official seal which shall bear on its face the words "Land Bank Agency of, Missouri",
32	"Seal", and shall have the power to sue and issue deeds in its name, which deed shall be signed by
33	the chair or vice chair, and attested by the secretary and the official seal of the land bank agency
34	affixed thereon, and shall have the general power to administer its business as any other corporate
35	<u>body.</u>
36	2. A land bank agency may convey title to any real estate sold or conveyed by it by
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1	general or special warranty deed, and may convey as absolute title in fee simple, without in any
2	case procuring any consent, conveyance, or other instrument from the beneficiaries for which it
3	acts, provided that each such deed shall recite whether the selling price represents a consideration
4	equal to or in excess of two-thirds of the appraised value of such real estate so sold or conveyed.
5	If such selling price represents a consideration less than two-thirds of the appraised value of the
6	real estate, then the land bank commissioners shall first procure the consent thereto of not less
7	than two of the three appointing authorities, which consent shall be evidenced by a copy of the
8	action of each such appointing authority duly certified to by its clerk or secretary attached to and
9	made a part of land bank commission official minutes.
10	3. As a condition of the sale or other authorized conveyance of ownership of any
11	unimproved parcel of land classified as residential property owned by the land bank agency to a
12	private owner, unless the owner owns an adjacent improved parcel, such owner may be required
13	to enter into a contract with the land bank agency stipulating that such owner or owner's successor
14	agree that the parcel of land shall, within one year of such sale, either be improved by a
15	nontemporary structure or returned to the land bank agency by special warranty deed. The
16	contract shall further state that if the private owner fails to comply with the stipulation, the owner
17	shall be liable to the land bank agency for damages at the rate of one hundred dollars per month
18	accruing on the first day of each month after the termination of the one-year period so long as the
19	private owner fails to convey the parcel to the land bank agency. The performance of such
20	agreement shall be secured by a deed of trust or other lien encumbering the parcel. If the land
21	bank agency finds by resolution that the terms of the agreement have not been satisfied, the land
22	bank agency shall be authorized to bring suit to recover damages for the breach and to redeem the
23	ownership of such property without consideration or compensation by seeking a judicial
24	foreclosure of such agreement under sections 443.190 to 443.260, except that upon final judgment
25	of the court, title shall revert to the land bank agency without necessity of sale. Notwithstanding
26	subsection 2 of this section, the original deed conveying title to the private owner shall contain a
27	possibility of reverter upon the condition that the private owner fails to comply with the terms of
28	the contract, with a right of reentry retained by the land bank agency. As an alternative to, or in
29	addition to, seeking a judicial foreclosure, the land bank agency may exercise the right of reentry
30	under chapter 524, 527, or 534. The land bank agency shall assume title to the land by filing a
31	copy of the judgment with the recorder of deeds in the county where the property is located. Any
32	property redeemed by the land bank agency under the provisions of this section shall be
33	administered in the same manner as other property sold to the land bank agency.
34	4. It shall be the duty of such land bank agency to administer the tax delinquent lands and
35	other lands in its possession as provided in this section.
36	(1) The land bank agency shall immediately assume possession and control of all real
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1	estate acquired by it under the provisions of sections 141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to
2	141.982 or otherwise and proceed to inventory and appraise such land, and thereafter keep and
3	maintain a perpetual inventory of such real estate, except that individual parcels may be
4	consolidated and grouped or regrouped for economy, utility, or convenience.
5	(2) The land bank agency shall use reasonable efforts, consistent with the funding
6	available, to market the property in its inventory, and will endeavor to obtain a purchase price
7	consistent with the market conditions for that particular type of property in a similar location,
8	however, the land bank agency may take into consideration factors that include: the costs
9	expended either by it or the municipality in which the property is located to continue to maintain
10	the property while it is held in inventory, the detrimental impact of vacant property on other
11	properties within its vicinity, the proposed use of the property, and the advantage of returning the
12	property to the tax rolls for the benefit of all taxing authorities intended to benefit from proceeds
13	generated by the land bank agency. The land bank agency shall maintain an inventory of the
14	property held by it, and make it available to the public, through means that make the best use of its
15	limited resources, including limiting accessibility through electronic means. The land bank
16	agency shall systematically update its inventory information, no less than quarterly per year. The
17	records from each transaction with respect to the transfer or exchange of property in the land bank
18	agency's inventory shall be maintained, and provided upon request to any taxing authority
19	intended to benefit from the proceeds of the land bank. A summary of all such transactions shall
20	be prepared at least annually, and made publicly available upon request, and submitted with the
21	budget request of such land bank as provided in subsection 6 of section 141.981.
22	(3) The land bank commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to manage,
23	maintain, protect, rent, lease, repair, insure, alter, hold and return, assemble, sell, trade, acquire,
24	exchange, or otherwise dispose of any such real estate, on such terms and conditions as may be
25	determined in the sole discretion of the commissioners. The land bank commissioners may
26	assemble tracts or parcels of real estate for public parks or any other purposes and to such end
27	may exchange or acquire parcels, and otherwise effectuate such purposes by agreement with any
28	taxing authority. Without limiting the foregoing power vested in the land bank commissioners to
29	directly dispose of its inventory property, such commissioners may, but are not obligated to, enter
30	into listing or commission agreements with real estate brokers licensed to do business within the
31	city, and such commissioners.
32	(4) The land bank agency shall adopt rules and regulations in harmony with sections
33	141.210 to 141.810 and sections 141.980 to 141.982, and shall keep records of all its transactions,
34	which records shall be open to inspection of any taxing authority in the city at any time. There
35	shall be an annual audit of the affairs, accounts, expenses, and financial transactions of such land
36	bank agency by certified public accountants as of April thirtieth of each year, which accountants
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1	shall be employed by the commissioners on or before March first of each year, and certified
2	copies thereof shall be furnished to the appointing authorities described in section 141.980, and
3	shall be available for public inspection at the office of the land bank agency and on the land bank
4	agency's internet website, if it maintains a website. In addition to the annual audit provided for in
5	this subdivision, the land bank agency may be performance audited at any time by the state auditor
6	or by the auditor of the city that appoints members. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the
7	land bank agency, and copies shall be made available to the public within thirty days of the
8	completion of the audit.
9	5. The land bank commissioners may appoint a director and such other employees who
10	are deemed necessary to carry out the responsibilities and duties imposed under sections 141.980
11	to 141.982, and may incur such other reasonable and proper costs and expenses as are related
12	thereto. The director shall furnish a surety bond at the expense of the land bank agency in a penal
13	sum of not less than ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the land bank commissioners,
14	conditioned to guarantee the faithful performance of the director's duties. The bond shall be filed
15	with the county clerk of the county. The director, who shall be a person experienced in the
16	management and sale of real estate, shall be executive officer and administrator of the land bank
17	agency, and shall manage all of its business, under the supervision, direction, and control of the
18	land bank commissioners.
19	6. Each annual budget of the land bank agency shall be itemized as to objects and
20	purposes of expenditure, prepared not later than December tenth of each year with copies
21	delivered to the ad valorem taxing authorities that appointed members, and shall include therein
22	only such appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to meet the reasonable expenses of the land
23	bank agency during the forthcoming fiscal year. That budget shall not become the required annual
24	budget of the land bank agency unless and until it has been approved by the governing bodies of
25	the ad valorem taxing authorities that appointed members. If either of the governing bodies of the
26	ad valorem taxing authorities that appointed members fails to notify the land bank agency in
27	writing of any objections to the proposed annual budget on or before December twentieth, then
28	such failure or failures to object shall be deemed approved. In the event objections have been
29	made and a budget for the fiscal year beginning May first has not been approved by the governing
30	bodies of the ad valorem taxing authorities that appointed members on or before May first, then
31	the budget for the previous fiscal year shall become the approved budget for that fiscal year. Any
32	unexpended funds from the preceding fiscal year shall be deducted from the amounts needed to
33	meet the budget requirements of the forthcoming year. Copies of the budget shall be made
34	available to the public on or before December tenth, and a public hearing shall be had thereon
35	before December twentieth, in each year. The approved and adopted budget may be amended by
36	the land bank commissioners only with the approval of the governing bodies of the ad valorem
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	taxing authorities that appointed members.
2	7. The fiscal year of the land bank agency shall commence on May first of each year.
}	Such land bank agency shall audit all claims for the expenditure of money and shall, acting by the
	chair or vice chair thereof, draw warrants therefor from time to time.
	8. No warrant for the payment of any claim shall be drawn by such land bank agency until
	such claim shall have been approved by the director and shall bear the director's certificate that
	there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the proper appropriation and sufficient unexpended
	cash available for the payment thereof.
	141.982. 1. Such land bank agency shall set up and maintain a perpetual inventory on
	each tract of its real estate, except that individual tracts may be consolidated and grouped or
	regrouped for economy or convenience.
	2. When any parcel of real estate acquired by such land bank agency under a deemed sale
	under subsection 3 of section 141.560, by redemption under subsection 3 of section 141.981, by
	gift under subsection 2 of section 141.980, or by deed from land trustees under subsection 1 of
	section 141.980 is sold or otherwise disposed of by such land bank agency, the proceeds
	therefrom shall be applied and distributed in the following order:
	(1) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
	(2) The balance to be retained by the land bank agency to pay the salaries and other
	expenses of such land bank agency and of its employees, including any expenditures authorized
	by subsection 4 of section 141.981, as provided for in its annual budget;
	(3) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of
	the land bank agency in any fiscal year and a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year
	to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year,
	exclusive of net profit from the sale of parcels acquired by the land bank agency under a private
	foreclosure sale, shall be paid to the respective taxing authorities that, at the time of the
	distribution, are taxing the real property from which the proceeds are being distributed.
	The distributions shall be in proportion to the amounts of the taxes levied on the properties by the
	taxing authorities. Distribution shall be made on January first and July first of each year, and at
	such other times as the land bank commissioners in their discretion may determine.
	3. When any parcel of real estate acquired by such land bank agency under a private
	foreclosure sale is sold or otherwise disposed of by such land bank agency, the proceeds therefrom
	shall be applied and distributed in the following order:
	(1) To the payment of all land taxes and related charges then due on such parcel, subject
	to subsection 5 of section 141.982;
	(2) To the payment of the expenses of sale;
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36	references accordingly.
35	Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional
34	in the state penitentiary."; and
32 33	bank agency. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to serve not less than two nor more than five years
31	form of compensation from, any contractor or developer who purchases property from the land
30	141.980 to 141.982 shall have any relationship with, or be employed by, or otherwise receive any
29	bank commissioners nor any salaried employee of the land bank agency provided for in sections
28	emoluments provided for in sections 141.980 to 141.982; provided further that neither the land
27	disposition of any lands held by such land bank agency other than the salaries, expenses, and
26 27	or other profit directly or indirectly from the rental, management, purchase, sale, or other
25	agency provided for in sections 141.980 to 141.982 shall receive any compensation, emolument,
24	6. Neither the land bank commissioners nor any salaried employee of the land bank
23	occurs first, then all interest and penalties that may have accrued thereon shall be abated.
22	bank agency or two years from the date of its acquisition by the land bank agency, whichever
21	on such parcel are paid in full at the time of sale or other disposition of such parcel by the land
20	due thereon. Such parcel shall not be exempt from taxation; provided however, if all land taxes
19	amount of all tax bills included in the judgment, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs then
18	such parcel to the purchasing land bank agency and such land bank agency shall pay the full
17	parcel of real estate to a land bank agency, the sheriff shall deliver a court administrator's deed for
16	5. Upon confirmation under section 141.580 of a sheriff's private foreclosure sale of a
15	change of ownership.
14	real estate held by it, such land bank agency shall immediately notify the county assessor of such
13	same extent as any other publicly owned real estate, and upon the sale or other disposition of any
12	each taxing authority therein shall be exempt from all taxation, in the same manner and to the
11	bank agency shall immediately notify the county assessor of such ownership, and the interests of
10	of section 141.980, or by deed from land trustees under subsection 1 of section 141.980, such land
9	section 141.560, by redemption under subsection 3 of section 141.981, by gift under subsection 2
8	4. Upon acquiring title to any real estate under a deemed sale under subsection 3 of
7	shall be paid in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section.
6	to assure that sufficient funds will be available to meet initial expenses for that next fiscal year,
5	the land bank agency in any fiscal year and a reasonable sum to carry over into the next fiscal year
4	(4) Any funds in excess of those necessary to meet the expenses of the annual budget of
3	by subsection 4 of section 141.981, as provided for in its annual budget;
2	expenses of such land bank agency and of its employees, including any expenditures authorized
1	(3) The balance to be retained by the land bank agency to pay the salaries and other