

owner thereof by the payment of the taxes and all legal penalties and costs thereon and such other costs as the court may deem proper.

Court to decree sale at auction by collector of taxes.

Upon the proof in such suit of the failure of the owner or owners of the property to redeem it as provided by law, the court shall, without unreasonable delay decree the sale of said property to satisfy the taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, and interest due the District of Columbia and the costs of the suit, and said sale shall be by the collector of taxes or his deputy, at public auction in front of said premises after advertisement of said sale for ten consecutive days in some daily newspaper of general circulation published in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That if it shall appear that there were substantial defects in any tax sale, no part of the penalties and charges incidental to such sales shall be collectible. All persons interested in the property or entitled to redeem from such tax sale, shall be made parties thereto, and the proceeds from such judicial sale shall be applicable to the payment of the aggregate taxes, penalties, costs, including costs of such public advertising and sale, and interest due to the District of Columbia and the payment of costs of such suit. In no such case shall there be any allowance by the court for attorney's fees or trustees' commission.

Advertisement.

Proviso.
No penalty if defect in tax sale.
Interested persons made parties.

Fees or commissions not allowed.

Price restriction.

Surplus to be paid into court.

Title to purchaser on confirmation of sale, payment, etc.

Newspaper publication for personal service allowed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

No sale shall be made, unless by express order of the court, for an amount less than such aggregate taxes, interest, and costs of suit, including advertising and sale. Any surplus received from such sale over said amounts shall be paid by the collector of taxes into court to abide its further order for payment to the person or persons in equity entitled to receive it, if they shall be known. On confirmation of the sale by the court, the court shall cause to be issued to the purchaser, when he shall have paid the purchase money and complied with the terms of sale, a deed to be executed by the clerk of the court which shall have the effect to convey to the purchaser all the right, title, and estate of all parties defendant, whether proceeded against as known or unknown.

Publication may be substituted for personal service upon any defendants not personally served by the marshal, whether known or unknown, by advertisement in some daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia at least once a week for three successive weeks, the first of such advertisements to appear at least three weeks before any petition shall be filed, and such costs of publication shall be lawful charges and be included in the costs of suit.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 14, 1929.

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[S. 3771.]

[Public, No. 743.]

CHAP. 198.—An Act Vacating the alley between lots 16 and 17, square 1083, District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Alley in square 1083 vacated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to close, vacate, and abandon so much of the fifteen-foot public alley in square 1083 as lies between lots 16 and 17; same to revert in equal proportion to the abutting lots.

Approved, February 14, 1929.