

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

ACT 502 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1549

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5 By: Representatives Curran, Allison, and Trammell  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 26-38-101 TO CURE  
10 UNCERTAINTIES AS TO TITLE OF LANDS SOLD FOR NONPAYMENT OF  
11 TAXES FOR 1970 AND PRIOR YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

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14 "TO CURE UNCERTAINTIES AS TO TITLE OF  
15 LANDS SOLD FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR  
16 1970 AND PRIOR YEARS."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-38-101 is amended to read as follows:

21 "26-38-101. Uncertified sales to state prior to ~~1935~~ 1970  
22 canceled.

23 All sales of lands to the State ~~of Arkansas~~ for nonpayment of  
24 taxes for the year ~~1935~~ 1970 and all years prior thereto, which have not  
25 been certified to the Commissioner of State Lands and ~~of which there is~~  
26 ~~not a~~ respecting which sales there is no record in the office of the  
27 Commissioner of State Lands, are canceled. The state releases all of its  
28 right, title, or interest in and to:

29 (1) All lands sold to the state for nonpayment of taxes for the  
30 year ~~1935~~ 1970 and all years prior thereto, to which lands the  
31 Commissioner of State Lands has executed deeds in favor of the grantees  
32 in ~~the~~ such deeds, their heirs, successors, and assigns; and

33 (2) All ~~of these~~ such lands as have not been disposed of by the  
34 Commissioner of State Lands as aforesaid, but which lands have been  
35 placed back on the tax books of the counties wherein the lands lie, and  
36 the taxes have been paid thereon for more than seven (7) years since

1 they were sold to the state.

2 ~~These~~ The provisions of this section apply whether or not the  
3 lands were ever certified to the county clerk and whether or not the  
4 lands were certified by the county clerk to the Commissioner of State  
5 Lands."

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7 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
8 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the  
9 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the  
10 Code.

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12 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application  
13 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity  
14 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can  
15 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
16 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act  
19 are hereby repealed.

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