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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1739

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROCESS OF
10 PROVIDING REDEMPTION DEEDS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
11 STATE LANDS; TO EXPAND THE FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE
12 PAYMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-37-301(a)(2), concerning notice to
25 owners of tax-delinquent land, regarding notice to the owner is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (2) *All interested parties, as identified by the Commissioner of*
28 *State Lands, shall ~~receive~~ be sent notice of the sale from the Commissioner*
29 *of State Lands ~~in the same manner~~ by certified mail.*
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-37-302 is amended to read as follows:
32 26-37-302. Payment required.

33 (a) To redeem tax-delinquent land with the county collector or the
34 Commissioner of State Lands and to purchase tax-delinquent land at the
35 Commissioner of State Lands' sale the redeemer or purchaser of tax-delinquent
36 land shall pay all delinquent taxes, plus:



1 (1) Ten percent (10%) simple interest for each year of
2 delinquency;

3 (2) A ten percent (10%) penalty for each year of the
4 delinquency; and

5 (3) The costs incurred by the county and the Commissioner of
6 State Lands.

7 (b) The penalties and interest shall accrue beginning on October 16 in
8 the year of delinquency.

9 (c) Payment to redeem tax-delinquent land under this section shall be
10 made by cash or certified funds, including without limitation a credit card,
11 debit card, electronic check, escrow check, money order, cashier's check, or
12 certified bank check if the redemption occurs:

13 (1) Within ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days before the date of the
14 scheduled sale; or

15 (2) During the redemption period following the sale.

16 (d) The Commissioner of State Lands may approve additional forms of
17 payment by promulgation of rule.

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19 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-37-303 is amended to read as follows:
20 26-37-303. Redemption deed.

21 (a) If the owner redeems the tax-delinquent land, the Commissioner of
22 State Lands shall issue a redemption deed and record it in the county wherein
23 the land is located.

24 (b) A redemption deed shall:

25 (1) Serve as proof that payment under § 26-37-302 has been
26 received by the Commissioner of State Lands; and

27 (2) Not convey or change the legal ownership to the property
28 redeemed.

29 ~~(c)(b)~~ The fee for the redemption deed and the fee for recording the
30 deed shall be borne by the owner.

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32 /s/Payton

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