

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 346 (Delegate Walkup)
Ways and Means

Kent County - Tax Sales - Notice and Fees

This bill changes the notification requirement for a property tax sale at a public auction in Kent County to three times, once a week for three successive weeks. Currently, the notice must be published four times, once a week for four successive weeks in one or more newspapers with a general circulation in the county. The bill also provides that the auctioneer's fee cannot exceed \$7.50 for each property sold, which is an increase over current law.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Any expenses associated with public notices are liens on the property to be sold. As a result, the change in the notification requirement would not directly affect Kent County finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. The auctioneer for Kent County's property tax sales could experience an increase in his or her revenues depending upon the fee set by the county. Since the county only sells between 80 and 100 properties annually, any additional revenue would be minimal (less than \$500).

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