

Chapter 597

(House Bill 522)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Tax Sales – Auctioneer Expenses

FOR the purpose of including the actual cost of an auctioneer fee for the tax sale of property in St. Mary’s County as an expense of the sale of the property; and generally relating to tax sales of property in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–813(e)(1)(iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–813(e)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Tax – Property

14–813.

(e) (1) The following expenses relating to the sale shall be allowed, all of which are liens on the property to be sold:

(iv) the auctioneer’s fee, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(2) The auctioneer’s fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be:

(i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Prince George’s County, Queen Anne’s County, Somerset County, **ST. MARY’S COUNTY**, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County:

1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount not to exceed \$10; and

- property sold;
2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for each property sold;
- (ii) in Dorchester County, \$7.50 for each property sold;
- (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each property sold;
- (iv) in Cecil County and Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each property sold;
- (v) in Garrett County, Somerset County, and Wicomico County, \$8 for each property sold;
- (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold;
- (vii) in Baltimore City:
1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount not to exceed \$10;
2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for each property sold; and
3. in an electronic sale, an amount not to exceed \$10 for each property sold;
- (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County Commissioners;
- (ix) in Caroline County, Harford County, Howard County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County, \$10 for each property sold; [and]
- (x) in Frederick County, the lowest responsive bid for each property sold; **AND**

(XI) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE ACTUAL COST CHARGED BY THE AUCTIONEER FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.