

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 20-25, titled "Prince George's County," subtitled "County Treasurer," subheading "Advertisement of tax sales," and Section 57-1 titled "Prince George's County," subtitled "Notice-Legal," subheading "Requirements," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

20-25. Advertisements of tax sales.

All tax sale of real estate shall be advertised for four consecutive weekly issues, any other provisions in any of the local laws relating to tax sales in Prince George's County to the contrary notwithstanding, in three newspapers published in Prince George's County to be selected by the Treasurer; provided that the newspaper NEWS-PAPERS so selected shall have been established in [their respective towns] *the county* at least ~~two consecutive years~~ EIGHTEEN CONSECUTIVE MONTHS preceding the date of first publication of said advertisement ~~or HAS ITS MAIN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND has a paid circulation of at least fifteen thousand subscribers as certified to and accepted by the United States Post Office Department under the provisions of the United States Postal Laws and Regulations;~~ and the cost of such advertisement in and for each advertisement shall not exceed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per item for a tax sale, which sum of money shall be charged against the property offered for sale as items of cost after six o'clock p.m. on the Friday next preceding the date of issue of said newspaper in which said advertisement shall first appear. The Treasurer shall deliver the copy of said advertisement to the publishers of said newspapers not later than ten o'clock a.m. on the Monday of the week in which the first publication of said tax sale advertisement shall appear. A tax sale shall consist of all of the real estate in any election district of the county advertised for sale and belonging to the same person. In the matter of the sale of personal property for taxes, the Treasurer shall be allowed costs similar to those allowed by law in the cases of seizure and sale of personal property by distraint, except he shall receive no fee or commission therein; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO DISQUALIFY ANY EXISTING NEWSPAPER IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NOW QUALIFIED BY LAW TO PUBLISH TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

57-1. Requirements.

Whenever it is required to publish in Prince George's County any resolution, official proclamation, law, notice or advertisement of any sort, kind or character, including proposals for bids for public works or otherwise by the State of Maryland, or by any board, or commission, or any State official, or office, or by the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, or any officer thereof, or any governmental body created under the laws of this State, or any officer or official thereof, or by any party litigant, or otherwise involved in or concerned with matter pending in any Court in Prince George's County, for any legal publication of any character whatsoever, the newspaper or newspapers selected for such publication or publications must meet and satisfy the following qualifications, namely: Said newspaper or newspapers, shall be printed in the English lan-