

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 21-205 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/21-205)

7 Sec. 21-205. Tax sale procedures.

8 (a) The collector, in person or by deputy, shall attend, on
9 the day and in the place specified in the notice for the sale
10 of property for taxes, and shall, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00
11 p.m., or later at the collector's discretion, proceed to offer
12 for sale, separately and in consecutive order, all property in
13 the list on which the taxes, special assessments, interest or
14 costs have not been paid. However, in any county with 3,000,000
15 or more inhabitants, the offer for sale shall be made between
16 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The collector's office shall be kept
17 open during all hours in which the sale is in progress. The
18 sale shall be continued from day to day, until all property in
19 the delinquent list has been offered for sale. However, any
20 city, village or incorporated town interested in the collection
21 of any tax or special assessment, may, in default of bidders,
22 withdraw from collection the special assessment levied against
23 any property by the corporate authorities of the city, village

1 or incorporated town. In case of a withdrawal, there shall be
2 no sale of that property on account of the delinquent special
3 assessment thereon.

4 (b) Until January 1, 2013, in every sale of property
5 pursuant to the provisions of this Code, the collector may
6 employ any automated means that the collector deems
7 appropriate. Beginning on January 1, 2013, either (i) the
8 collector shall employ an automated bidding system that is
9 programmed to accept the lowest redemption price bid by an
10 eligible tax purchaser, subject to the penalty percentage
11 limitation set forth in Section 21-215, or (ii) all tax sales
12 shall be digitally recorded with video and audio. All bidders
13 are required to personally attend the sale and, if automated
14 means are used, all hardware and software used with respect to
15 those automated means must be certified by the Department and
16 re-certified by the Department every 5 years. If the tax sales
17 are digitally recorded and no automated bidding system is used,
18 then the recordings shall be maintained by the collector for a
19 period of at least 3 years from the date of the tax sale. The
20 changes made by this amendatory Act of the 94th General
21 Assembly are declarative of existing law.

22 (c) County collectors may adopt a single bidder rule to
23 prohibit tax bidders from registering more than one related
24 bidding entity.

25 (d) County collectors may, when applicable, eject tax
26 bidders who disrupt the tax sale or use illegal bid practices.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-557, eff. 7-1-12; 97-1125, eff. 8-28-12.)