## **101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## State of Illinois

# 2019 and 2020

#### SB3356

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/21-145 35 ILCS 200/21-150

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a tax year may not be offered at a scavenger sale prior to the date of annual tax sale for that tax year. Provides that, for omitted assessments, a tax year may not be offered at a scavenger sale prior to the annual tax sale for that omitted assessment's warrant year. Provides that, for the 2019 tax year and each tax year thereafter, all applications for judgment and order of sale for taxes and special assessments on delinquent properties shall be made within 365 days of the second installment due date. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
Sections 21-145 and 21-150 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/21-145)

7 Sec. 21-145. Scavenger sale. At the same time the County Collector annually publishes the collector's annual sale 8 9 advertisement under Sections 21-110, 21-115 and 21-120, it is mandatory for the collector in counties with 3,000,000 or more 10 inhabitants, and in other counties if the county board so 11 orders by resolution, to publish an advertisement giving notice 12 13 of the intended application for judgment and sale of all 14 properties upon which all or a part of the general taxes for 15 each of 3 or more years, including the current tax year, are 16 delinquent as of the date of the advertisement. Under no 17 circumstance may a tax year be offered at a scavenger sale prior to the annual tax sale for that tax year (or, for omitted 18 19 assessments issued pursuant to Section 9-260, the annual tax 20 sale for that omitted assessment's warrant year). In no event 21 may there be more than 2 consecutive years without a sale under 22 this Section. The term delinquent also includes forfeitures. The County Collector shall include in the advertisement and in 23

the application for judgment and sale under this Section and 1 2 Section 21-260 the total amount of all general taxes upon those 3 properties which are delinquent as of the date of the advertisement. In lieu of a single annual advertisement and 4 5 application for judgment and sale under this Section and Section 21-260, the County Collector may, from time to time, 6 7 beginning on the date of the publication of the annual sale 8 advertisement and before August 1 of the next year, publish 9 separate advertisements and make separate applications on 10 eligible properties described in one or more volumes of the 11 delinquent list. The separate advertisements and applications 12 shall, in the aggregate, include all the properties which 13 otherwise would have been included in the single annual 14 advertisement and application for judgment and sale under this 15 Section. Upon the written request of the taxing district which 16 levied the same, the County Collector shall also include in the 17 advertisement the special taxes and special assessments, together with interest, penalties and costs thereon upon those 18 19 properties which are delinquent as of the date of the 20 advertisement. The advertisement and application for judgment and sale shall be in the manner prescribed by this Code 21 22 relating to the annual advertisement and application for 23 judgment and sale of delinquent properties.

As used in this Section, "warrant year" means the year preceding the calendar year in which the omitted assessment first became due and payable.

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1 (Source: P.A. 98-277, eff. 8-9-13.)

(35 ILCS 200/21-150)

3 Sec. 21-150. Time of applying for judgment. Except as 4 otherwise provided in this Section or by ordinance or 5 resolution enacted under subsection (c) of Section 21-40, in 6 any county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, all 7 applications for judgment and order of sale for taxes and 8 special assessments on delinquent properties shall be made 9 within 90 days after the second installment due date. In Cook 10 County, all applications for judgment and order of sale for 11 taxes and special assessments on delinquent properties shall be 12 made (i) by July 1, 2011 for tax year 2009, (ii) by July 1, 2012 for tax year 2010, (iii) by July 1, 2013 for tax year 2011, 13 (iv) by July 1, 2014 for tax year 2012, (v) by July 1, 2015 for 14 15 tax year 2013, (vi) by May 1, 2016 for tax year 2014, (vii) by 16 March 1, 2017 for tax year 2015, and (viii) by April 1 of the next calendar year after the second installment due date for 17 18 tax years <del>year</del> 2016, 2017, and 2018, and (ix) for the 2019 tax year and each tax year thereafter, within 365 days of the 19 20 second installment due date and each tax year thereafter. In 21 those counties which have adopted an ordinance under Section 22 21-40, the application for judgment and order of sale for 23 delinquent taxes shall be made in December. In the 10 years 24 next following the completion of a general reassessment of property in any county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, made 25

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1 under an order of the Department, applications for judgment and 2 order of sale shall be made as soon as may be and on the day 3 specified in the advertisement required by Section 21-110 and 4 21-115. If for any cause the court is not held on the day 5 specified, the cause shall stand continued, and it shall be 6 unnecessary to re-advertise the list or notice.

7 Within 30 days after the day specified for the application for judgment the court shall hear and determine the matter. If 8 9 judgment is rendered, the sale shall begin on the date within 5 10 business days specified in the notice as provided in Section 11 21-115. If the collector is prevented from advertising and 12 obtaining judgment within the time periods specified by this 13 Section, the collector may obtain judgment at any time 14 thereafter; but if the failure arises by the county collector's 15 not complying with any of the requirements of this Code, he or she shall be held on his or her official bond for the full 16 17 amount of all taxes and special assessments charged against him or her. Any failure on the part of the county collector shall 18 19 not be allowed as a valid objection to the collection of any 20 tax or assessment, or to entry of a judgment against any 21 delinquent properties included in the application of the county 22 collector.

23 <u>The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of</u> 24 <u>the 101st General Assembly apply only to tax sales commenced on</u> 25 <u>or after January 1, 2021.</u>

26 (Source: P.A. 100-243, eff. 8-22-17.)

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
 becoming law.