HOUSE BILL No. 2695

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to delinquent taxes and special assessments; period of redemption; certain vacant land; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 79-2401a and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 79-2401a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2401a. (a) (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) and subsection (b), real estate bid off by the county for both delinquent taxes and special assessments, as defined by subsection (c), shall be held by the county until the expiration of two years from the date of the sale, subject only to the right of redemption as provided by this section. Any owner or holder of the record title, the owner's or holder's heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, assigns or any mortgagee or the owner's or holder's assigns may redeem the real estate sold in the sale at any time within two years after the sale by paying to the county treasurer the amount for which the real estate was sold plus the interest accrued, all delinquent taxes and special assessments and interest thereon that have accrued after the date of such sale which remain unpaid as of the date of redemption and costs and expenses of the sale and redemption, including but not limited to, abstracting costs incurred in anticipation of a tax sale.

(2) Any abandoned building or structure and the land accommodating such building or structure bid off by the county for either delinquent taxes or special assessments, or both, as defined by subsection (c), shall be held by the county until the expiration of one year from the date of the sale, subject only to the right of redemption as provided by this section. Any owner or holder of the record title, the owner's or holder's heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, assigns or any mortgagee or the owner's or holder's assigns may redeem the real estate sold in the sale at any time within one year after the sale by paying to the county treasurer the amount for which the real estate was sold plus the interest accrued, all delinquent taxes and special assessments and interest thereon that have accrued after the date of such sale which remain unpaid as of the date of redemption and costs and expenses of the sale and redemption, including but not limited to abstracting costs incurred in anticipation of a tax sale.

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When used in this subsection "abandoned building or structure and the land accommodating such building or structure" shall mean a building or structure which, for a period of at least one year, has been unoccupied and which there has been a failure to perform reasonable maintenance of such building or structure and the land accommodating such building or structure.

- Commencing in tax year 2010 and all tax years thereafter, except as provided in subsection (b), real estate which is a vacant land, as defined in this subsection, bid off by the county for both delinquent taxes and special assessments, as defined by subsection (c), shall be held by the county until the expiration of one year from the date of the sale, subject only to the right of redemption as provided by this section. Any owner or holder of the record title, the owner's or holder's heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, assigns or any mortgagee or the owner's or holder's assigns may redeem the real estate sold in the sale at any time within one year after the sale by paying to the county treasurer the amount for which the real estate was sold plus the interest accrued, all delinquent taxes and special assessments and interest thereon that have accrued after the date of such sale which remain unpaid as of the date of redemption and costs and expenses of the sale and redemption, including, but not limited to, abstracting costs incurred in anticipation of a tax sale. As used in this subsection, "vacant land" means any lot, parcel, site or tract of land upon which no permanent buildings or structures are located, including land with or benefited by site improvements and land that is part of a platted subdivision.
- (b) (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), real estate which is a homestead under section 9 of article 15 of the Kansas Constitution and all real estate not described in subsection (a) shall be held by the county until the expiration of three years from the date of the sale and may be redeemed partially by paying to the county treasurer the amount of taxes for which the real estate was sold for one or more years, beginning with the first year for which the real estate was carried on the tax-sale book of the county plus interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2004, and amendments thereto, on the amount from the date the same was carried on the sale book. Upon payment and partial redemption, the time when a tax foreclosure sale may be commenced shall be extended by the number of years paid in the partial redemption.
- (2) In Johnson county, real estate which is a homestead under section 9 of article 15 of the Kansas constitution and all real estate not described in subsection (a) shall be held by the county until the expiration of three years from the date of the sale and may be redeemed partially by paying to the county treasurer the amount of taxes for which the real estate was sold for one or more years, beginning with the most recent year for which

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the real estate was carried on the tax-sale book of the county plus interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2004, and amendments thereto, on the amount from the date the same was carried on the sale book.

- (c) For the purpose of this act section, the terms "real estate bid off by the county for both delinquent taxes and special assessments" and "real estate bid off by the county for either delinquent taxes or special assessments", or both, shall include only real estate on which there are delinquent taxes of a general ad valorem property tax nature or delinquent special assessments, or both, or other special taxes levied by a city, county or other municipality in response to a petition or request of the landowners. Upon publication of the listing of real estate subject to sale under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2302, and amendments thereto, the clerk of any city, county or other municipality which has levied special assessments during the past 10 years shall certify to the county treasurer those listed parcels of real estate which are located within a special assessment district, but no parcel shall be so certified unless the public improvement was constructed pursuant to a petition or request of one or more landowners sufficient to authorize the improvement under the applicable statutory special assessment procedure used by the city, county or other municipality.
- (d) If at the expiration of the redemption period, the real estate has not been redeemed, the real estate shall be disposed of by foreclosure and sale in the manner provided by K.S.A. 79-2801 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 79-2401a is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.