

1979 Assembly Bill 608

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CHAPTER 145, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 75.12 (3) and (4) of the statutes, relating to the use of certified mail for certain tax notices.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 75.12 (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

75.12 (3) ~~Such~~ The notice of application for tax deed may be served by the owner and holder of any tax sale certificate sold by any county treasurer or by any city treasurer authorized by law to sell lands for nonpayment of city taxes or assessments, or by any person acting for ~~such the~~ owner and holder. ~~Such~~ The notice shall be served in the manner that service of a summons in a court of record is made, or by registered certified mail, with return receipt of the addressee only demanded. ~~In the event that such~~ If notice cannot be given by use of either of the foregoing methods, the owner and holder of ~~said the~~ tax sale certificate or ~~his an~~ authorized agent shall make an affidavit setting forth the effort to make ~~such~~ service, the inability to do so, and shall file ~~such the~~ affidavit with the county clerk as to county tax sale certificates, or in cities authorized by law to sell lands for nonpayment of city taxes or assessments with the city treasurer as to ~~such~~ city tax sale certificates. In such cases the notice shall be published by ~~such the~~ owner and holder as a class 3 notice, under ch. 985, in the county ~~wherein such in which the~~ lands are located. The affidavit of the owner and holder of the tax sale certificate as to inability to secure service personally or by registered certified mail, together with proof of publication of the notice, shall be deemed completed service of the notice of application for tax deed.

(4) Before ~~such the~~ tax deed ~~shall be~~ is issued, proof of service, or the returned ~~registered certified~~ mail receipt, or proof of publication of the notice of application for tax deed shall be filed with the officer authorized by law to issue the ~~same~~ tax deed, and a copy of ~~such the~~ proof of service, returned ~~registered certified~~ mail receipt, or proof of publication with evidence of the cost ~~thereof~~ of publication shall be filed with the county treasurer as to county tax sale certificates and with ~~such the~~ city treasurer as to city tax sale certificates. After ~~such the~~ copies ~~shall~~ have been filed with the county or city treasurer ~~or with such treasurer~~ it shall be necessary to pay, in order to redeem ~~such the~~ lot or tract of land, or any part or interest therein, in addition to the redemption value of the tax sale certificates, ~~the sum of~~ \$1.50 for each person served with ~~such the~~ notice plus the cost of publication of the notice, if any. If there is no occupant of ~~such the~~ lands as hereinbefore defined, the applicant for tax deed shall file an affidavit to that effect with the officer authorized by law to issue the tax deed.
