

CHAPTER 113.

[H. B. 147.]

DELINQUENT TAX CERTIFICATE FORECLOSURE BY
COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to the foreclosure of delinquent tax certificates, regulating the price for publication of notices thereof, and amending section 9257 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 9257 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 9257. After the expiration of five years from the date of delinquency, when any property remains on the tax-rolls for which no certificate of delinquency has been issued, the county treasurer shall proceed to issue certificates of delinquency on said property to the county, and shall file said certificates when completed with the clerk of the court, and the treasurer shall thereupon, with such legal assistance as the county commissioners shall provide in counties having a population of thirty thousand or more, and with the assistance of the county prosecuting attorney in counties having a population of less than thirty thousand, proceed to foreclose in the name of the county, the tax liens embraced in such certificates, and the same proceedings shall be had as when held by an individual: *Provided*, That summons may be served or notice given exclusively by publication in one general notice, describing the property as the same is described on the tax-rolls. Said certificates of delinquency issued to the county may be issued in one general certificate in book form including all property, and the proceedings to foreclose the liens against said property may be brought in one action and all persons interested in any of the property involved in said proceedings may be made co-defendants in said action, and if unknown may be therein named as unknown owners, and the publication of such

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notice shall be sufficient service thereof on all persons interested in the property described therein. The names of the person or persons appearing on the treasurer's rolls as the owner or owners of said property for the purpose of this chapter shall be considered and treated as the owner or owners of said property, and if upon said treasurer's rolls it appears that the owner or owners of said property are unknown, then said property shall be proceeded against, as belonging to an unknown owner or owners as the case may be, and all persons owning or claiming to own, or having or claiming to have an interest therein, are hereby required to take notice of said proceedings and of any and all steps thereunder. The publication of the summons or notice required by this section shall be made by the county treasurer in the official newspaper of the county: *Provided*, The price charged by any such newspaper for such publication, for the whole number of issues, shall not exceed in any case the price stated in the contract of the county with such newspaper for county printing, and that, if such publication cannot be made in said newspaper at said price, the county treasurer may cause such publication to be made in any other newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in the county, at a cost for the whole number of issues not to exceed in any case the maximum rate for county printing fixed by contract for such year.

Publication
of notice.

Passed the House March 2, 1917.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1917.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1917.