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APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF STATE TAX SALE LAWS

Sale Procedure Legend									
Tax Lien Certificate	(C)	Sale to Highest Bidder	(HB)	Strict Foreclosure	(SF)				
Tax Deed	(D)	Lowest Interest Rate	(LI)	Other	(O)				
		Lien Amount	(LA)						

	AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	СО	СТ	DE	DC	FL	GA	н	ID	IL
Sale Procedure														
Tax Lien Certificate (C) or Deed (D)	С	D	С	D	D	D	D	D	С	C and D	D	D	D	
Sale to Highest Bidder (HB); Lowest Interest Rate (LI); Lowest Percentage Interest (LP), Lien Amount (LA); Strict Foreclosure (SF); or Other (O)	НВ	LA	LI	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	LI for certificate; HB for sale of tax deed	НВ	НВ	НВ	
Post-Sale Protections														
Redemption Period	3 yrs	1 yr	3 yrs	30 days	none after sale— 5 yr cure or redemp- tion before sale	3 yrs	6 mos	60 days	until redemption right foreclosed— no sooner than 6 mo after sale	before tax deed issued (no sooner than 2 yr after April 1 of year of issuance)	12 mos after sale and until redemption right foreclosed by notice	1 yr	until property sold	
Redemption Interest (per annum unless specified) and Penalties	12%	not speci- fied	int. as per bid	10% int.; 10% pen.	n/a	9% above discount rate	18% int.	pur- chase price plus 15%	purchase price excluding surplus, interest at 18%, expenses, intervening taxes	no less than 5% interest	20% int. for first year, then 10% thereafter	12% int.	12% int.	

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	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY	LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN	MS	МО
Sale Procedure													
Tax Lien Certificate (C) or Deed (D)	С	С	С	D	C and D	С	D	С	D	D	D	С	С
Sale to Highest Bidder (HB); Lowest Interest Rate (LI); Lowest Percentage Interest (LP); Lien Amount (LA); Strict Foreclosure (SF); or Other (O)	НВ	НВ	LP	LA and then HB	НВ	LP or lowest penalty	LP	НВ	LP	НВ	HB for not less than appraised value	LP	LA
Post-Sale Protections													
Redemption Period	2 yrs and 6 mos from sale	1 year (120 days for vacant prop)	21 mos plus 90 day notice	3 yrs for home- stead; 2 yrs other; 1 yr for aban- doned prop	60 days or 1 yr depending upon method	3 yrs	2 yrs	until redemption foreclosed— no sooner than 6 mos and no later than 2 yrs from sale	until redemption foreclosed— no sooner than 6 mos. from sale	any time before March 31 succeeding entry of judgment foreclosing property	none	2 yrs	1 year (90-days if sold at third auction)
Redemption Interest (per annum unless specified) and Penalties	3%- 48%	110%– 115% of min. bid, plus 10% interest on excess		int. rate not speci- fied	12% or 18% int.	12% int. and 5% penalty	8% int.	6%–10% int. depending upon county or as set by county (Balt. city = 24%)	16% int.	12-18% int.	N/A	18% int. plus 5% damages	10% int. plus 8% for sub- sequent taxes

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		Lien Amount	(LA)						

	MT	NE	NV	NH	NJ	NM	NY	NC	ND	ОН	OK	OR	PA
Sale Procedure													
Tax Lien Certificate (C) or Deed (D)	С	С	D	D	С	D	D (except C for New York City and Nassau County)	D	D	D and C	D	D	D
Sale to Highest Bidder (HB); Lowest Interest Rate (LI); Lowest Percentage Interest (LP); Lien Amount (LA); Strict Foreclosure (SF); or Other (O)		LP	LA held by county and then HB	LP	LI	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	HB for D and LI for C	НВ	SF	НВ
Post-Sale Protections													
Redemption Period	not less than 3 yrs	not less than 3 yrs	none after sale— 2 yr cure or redemp- tion before sale	until deed issued—no sooner than 2 yrs from sale	until redemption foreclosed— no sooner than 2 yrs from sale to private indiv.		2 yrs (optional 3 or 4 yrs in some districts)		none	for C sale, until redemption foreclosed— no sooner than 1 yr from sale. None for D.	none	2 yrs	none
Redemption Interest (per annum unless specified) and Penalties	10% int. plus 2% pen-alty	14% int.	n/a	18% int.	int. as per bid (max. 18%), plus 2–6% addi- tional sum	n/a	20% (9% for New York City)	5% commissioner's fee plus int.	n/a	For C sale, maximum 18%	n/a	int. @ judgment rate plus 5% penalty	n/a

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	RI	sc	SD	TN	TX	UT	VT	VA	WA	wv	wı	WY
Sale Procedure												
Tax Lien Certificate (C) or Deed (D)	D	С	С	D	D	D	D	D	D	С		С
Sale to Highest Bidder (HB), Lowest Interest Rate (LI); Lowest Percentage Interest (LP); Lien Amount (LA); Strict Foreclosure (SF); or Other (O)	LI	НВ	LI	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	НВ	SF	НВ
Post-Sale Protections												
Redemption Period	until redemption foreclosed— no sooner than 1 yr from sale	1 yr	3–4 yrs	1 yr	2 yrs	none after sale— 4 yr cure or redemp- tion before sale	j		none after sale— 3 yr cure or redemption before sale	until deed issued— approx. 18 mos after sale	none after sale— 2 yr cure or redemption before sale	until deed issued— no sooner than 4 yrs after sale
Redemption Interest (per annum unless specified) and Penalties	10% for first 6 mos plus 1% per mo penalty— plus 12% annual interest	3– 12%	int. as per bid (max. 10%),	penalty plus 10% int.	25% in 1st yr; 50% in 2nd yr	n/a	12% int.	n/a	n/a	12% int.	n/a	3% of purchase price plus 15% int.