

THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 206 of 1893

211.113 Waste; removal of property from lands bid to state prohibited; warrant for seizure and sale of property; agreement; injunctive relief.

Sec. 113. (1) A person shall not remove any building or fixture, sand, gravel, or minerals, or cut or remove any logs, wood, timber, or any other part of property sold for delinquent taxes while this state owns that property or holds a tax lien on that property by virtue of the sale or the nonpayment of any other delinquent taxes.

(2) If a person removes a building or fixture, sand, gravel, or minerals, or cuts or removes logs, wood, timber, or any other part of property in violation of subsection (1), the state treasurer or his or her designated representative shall issue a warrant in the name of the people of this state directed to the sheriff of the county in which the property is situated. The warrant shall set forth a description of the property and the amount of the unpaid taxes, interest, and charges, and command the sheriff to seize the buildings, fixtures, sand, gravel, minerals, logs, wood, timber, or other property wherever found in any county in this state and to sell the buildings, fixtures, sand, gravel, minerals, logs, wood, timber, or other property or a sufficient quantity of the buildings, fixtures, sand, gravel, minerals, logs, wood, timber, or other property to satisfy the taxes, interest, and charges and the cost of the seizure and sale.

(3) The sheriff shall receive the warrant and execute the warrant as directed in the warrant, as if a levy and sale on execution, and make a return on the warrant to the state treasurer, within 60 days after the receipt of the warrant, and pay all money collected to the state treasurer.

(4) The state treasurer may furnish the state trespass agent with lists or plats of property bid off to this state and on which the taxes remain unpaid. The state trespass agent shall examine the property and promptly report to the state treasurer all violations of this section.

(5) The sheriff and county treasurer of each county shall report any trespass or other acts prohibited by this section to the state treasurer immediately after either has knowledge of the trespass or prohibited act, and any officer of a local tax collecting unit with knowledge of a trespass or prohibited act shall report the facts to the sheriff or county treasurer.

(6) A person with a fee interest or a land contract vendee may enter into a contract and agreement with the state treasurer or the county treasurer, whereby the person may remove any buildings or fixtures, sand, gravel, or minerals, or cut or remove any logs, wood, timber, or any other part of the property. If that person posts satisfactory bonds securing to this state absolute protection against loss to this state, a county, or other political subdivision of this state.

(7) This state or any board or department of this state having jurisdiction of property sold or forfeited to this state may obtain an injunction to restrain waste on any of that property, to prevent the removal or tearing down of any building or the removal of a fixture, the removal of any sand, gravel, or minerals, or the cutting or removal of any logs, wood, timber, or any other part of that property, whether or not that act constitutes waste.

(8) The circuit court of the county in which the property or any part of the property is located has jurisdiction to grant injunctive relief upon the filing of a bill or petition for relief whether or not other relief is sought.

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