

CHAPTER 160

AN ACT concerning electronic tax lien sales and supplementing chapter 5 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.54:5-19.1 Electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

1. a. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a municipality may satisfy requirements of the "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq., electronically through the use of any nationally recognized electronic municipal tax lien service, including, but not limited to, electronic publication of tax lien sale notices, electronic auctions, electronic payment for purchased liens, digital signature validation, or any other matters necessary for the conduct of electronic tax lien sales in accordance with rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

b. Any tax sale notices required to be sent to a property owner or lienholder shall continue to be made by mail pursuant to the "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq.

c. The director may authorize "electronic tax lien sale" pilot programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules, regulations and procedures pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 17, 2001.