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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** Yes

Identical to Senate Statement to S1078

**SENATE** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**

No

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**SENATE, No. 1078**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Bark**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DCA to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/28/2000)**

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

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

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

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

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 With electronic commerce and the internet becoming an important  
29 means of public activity, this bill is intended to facilitate the sale of  
30 municipal tax liens by allowing municipalities to conduct tax lien sales  
31 through nationally recognized electronic municipal tax lien services.  
32 It is anticipated that conducting tax lien sales electronically will  
33 substantially increase the pool of bidders resulting in greater  
34 competition for the tax liens and therefore increase tax lien sale  
35 receipts for the municipality. In addition, all required information and  
36 notices necessary to conduct tax lien sales can be sent and maintained  
37 in a more complete and current form. The bill also directs the Director  
38 of the Division of Local Government Services to set forth procedures  
39 for the public notice, auction, sale and payment requirements of the  
40 "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq. Municipalities that choose to  
41 incorporate electronic methods in their tax lien sales would be required  
42 to follow the rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the  
43 director. All notices to property owners or lienholders would continue  
44 to be required to be made by mail in accordance with current law.

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1078**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2000

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1078.

As amended by the committee, this bill would facilitate the sale of municipal tax liens by allowing municipalities to conduct tax lien sales through nationally recognized electronic municipal tax lien services. It is anticipated that conducting tax lien sales electronically will substantially increase the pool of bidders resulting in greater competition for the tax liens and therefore increasing tax lien sale receipts for the municipality. In addition, all required information and notices necessary to conduct tax lien sales would be sent and maintained in a more complete and current form.

The bill would direct the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to set forth procedures for the public notice, auction, sale and payment requirements of the "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq. Municipalities that choose to incorporate electronic methods in their tax lien sales would be required to follow the rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the director. All notices to property owners or lienholders would continue to be required to be made by mail in accordance with current law.

The committee amended the bill to allow the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to authorize pilot programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules.

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1078**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

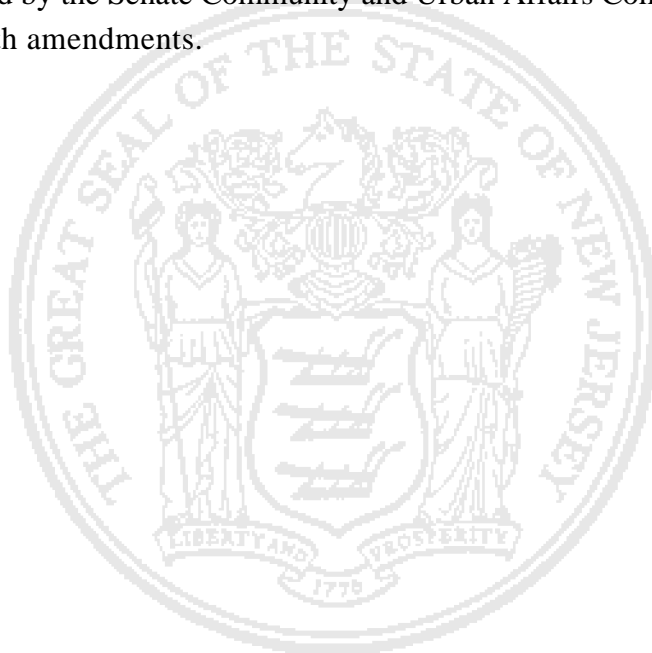
**Senator Bark, Assemblymen Malone and Corodemus**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DCA to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee on June 15, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

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

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

6

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

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

22 <sup>1</sup>c. The director may authorize "electronic tax lien sale" pilot  
23 programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual  
24 municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules, regulations  
25 and procedures pursuant to subsection a. of this section.<sup>1</sup>

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SCU committee amendments adopted June 15, 2000.

# ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1078**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 18, 2001

The Assembly Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1078 (1R).

Senate Bill No. 1078 (1R) would facilitate the sale of municipal tax liens by allowing municipalities to conduct tax lien sales through nationally recognized electronic municipal tax lien services. It is anticipated that conducting tax lien sales electronically will substantially increase the pool of bidders resulting in greater competition for the tax liens and therefore increasing tax lien sale receipts for the municipality. In addition, all required information and notices necessary to conduct tax lien sales would be sent and maintained in a more complete and current form.

The bill would direct the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to set forth procedures for the public notice, auction, sale and payment requirements of the "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq. Municipalities that choose to incorporate electronic methods in their tax lien sales would be required to follow the rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the director. All notices to property owners or lienholders would continue to be required to be made by mail in accordance with current law and it is anticipated that the regulations would not eliminate all traditional public notices in favor of electronic listing.

The bill allows the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to authorize pilot programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2249 with committee amendments, also reported by this committee on January 18, 2001.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 2249

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 20, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III**

**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DCA to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

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

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

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

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 With electronic commerce and the internet becoming an important  
29 means of public activity, this bill is intended to facilitate the sale of  
30 municipal tax liens by allowing municipalities to conduct tax lien sales  
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44 to be required to be made by mail in accordance with current law.

# ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2249**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 18, 2001

The Assembly Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2249 with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2249 would facilitate the sale of municipal tax liens by allowing municipalities to conduct tax lien sales through nationally recognized electronic municipal tax lien services. It is anticipated that conducting tax lien sales electronically will substantially increase the pool of bidders resulting in greater competition for the tax liens and therefore increasing tax lien sale receipts for the municipality. In addition, all required information and notices necessary to conduct tax lien sales would be sent and maintained in a more complete and current form.

The bill would direct the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to set forth procedures for the public notice, auction, sale and payment requirements of the "tax sale law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq. Municipalities that choose to incorporate electronic methods in their tax lien sales would be required to follow the rules, regulations and procedures promulgated by the director. All notices to property owners or lienholders would continue to be required to be made by mail in accordance with current law and it is anticipated that the regulations would not eliminate all traditional public notices in favor of electronic listing.

The committee amended the bill to allow the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to authorize pilot programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules.

As amended, Assembly, No. 2249 is identical to Senate, No. 1078 (1R), also reported by this committee on January 18, 2001.

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2249**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MARCH 20, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III**

**District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

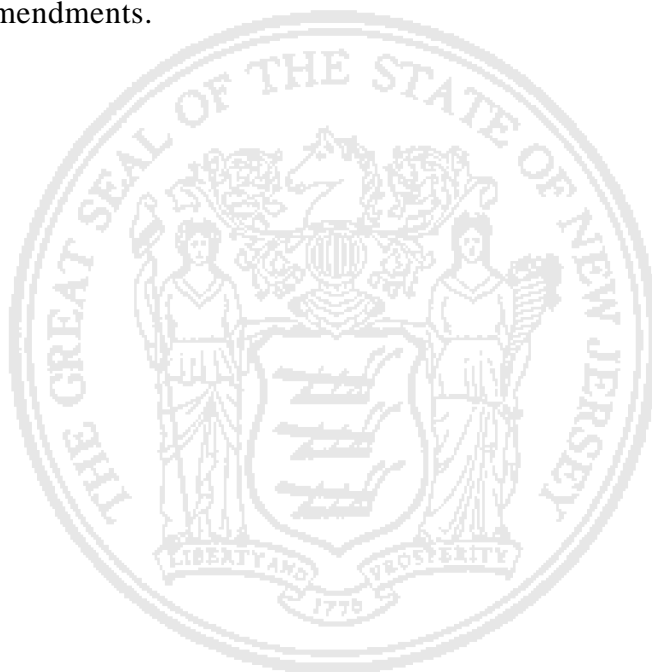
**Assemblyman Corodemus**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DCA to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Local Government Committee on January 18, 2001, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

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

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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7 1. a. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a  
8 municipality may satisfy <sup>1</sup>[any]<sup>1</sup> requirements of the "tax sale law,"  
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21 law," R.S.54:5-1 et seq.

22 <sup>1</sup>c. The director may authorize "electronic tax lien sale" pilot  
23 programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual  
24 municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules, regulations  
25 and procedures pursuant to subsection a. of this section.<sup>1</sup>

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ALG committee amendments adopted January 18, 2001.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 160, *approved July 17, 2001*  
Senate, No. 1078 (*First Reprint*)

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2 chapter 5 of Title 54 of the Revised Statues.

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23 programs on a case-by-case basis upon application of individual  
24 municipalities prior to the director's promulgation of rules, regulations  
25 and procedures pursuant to subsection a. of this section.<sup>1</sup>

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 Requires DCA to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by  
33 municipalities.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SCU committee amendments adopted June 15, 2000.

## 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.

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*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: July 17 , 2001

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**A-190/SCS for S-1051**, sponsored by Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-Mercer) and Assemblyman Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senator Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Senator Shirley Tuner (D-Mercer), permits a state employee's salary reduction program for qualified transportation benefits and increases the Travel Demand Management Program gross income tax exclusions for commuter transportation benefits.

**A-2460/S-1267**, sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Senator Henry McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic), authorizes North Jersey district water supply commission to participate in certain flood protection projects; requires state to indemnify commission.

**A-3235/S-2433**, sponsored by Assemblyman Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Assemblyman Joe Doria (D-Hudson) and Senator Andrew Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean), establishes organ donor license plates.

**S-1078/A-2249**, sponsored by Senator Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assemblyman Joseph Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), requires the Department of Community Affairs to establish procedures for electronic tax lien sales by municipalities.

**S-1867/A-2487**, sponsored by Senator Martha Bark (D-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Senator John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assemblyman Christopher Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), requires cell phone use to be noted in traffic accidents.