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Senate House

Representative Dorworth offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment (399729)

Remove line(s) 47-72 and insert:

(3) If the sale is conducted by electronic means, as provided in s. 45.031(10), the clerk shall receive a service charge of \$60 as provided in subsection (1) for services in conducting or contracting for the electronic sale, which service charge shall be assessed as costs and shall be advanced by the plaintiff before the sale. If the clerk requires advance electronic deposits to secure the right to bid, such deposits shall not be subject to the fee under s. 28.24(10). The portion of an advance deposit from a winning bidder required by s. 45.031(3) shall, upon acceptance of the winning bid, be subject to the fee under s. 28.24(10).

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Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 197.542, Florida Statutes, to read:

197.542 Sale at public auction.--

(4) A clerk may conduct electronic tax deed sales in lieu of public outcry. The clerk must comply with the procedures provided in this chapter, except that electronic proxy bidding shall be allowed and the clerk may require bidders to advance sufficient funds to pay the deposit required by subsection (2). The clerk shall provide access to the electronic sale by computer terminals open to the public at a designated location. A clerk who conducts such electronic sales may receive electronic deposits and payments related to the sale. The portion of an advance deposit from a winning bidder required by subsection (2) shall, upon acceptance of the winning bid, be subject to the fee under s. 28.24(10).