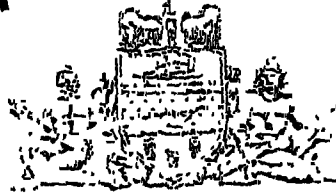


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House Judiciary Committee
Chairman, Representative Thomas Gannon
49 E. Wing
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am requesting your help on an issue I am working on. Attached is statute Sec. 5860.602(a), that deals with notice requirements for upset sales. There would be enormous cost savings for all Counties if we could reduce the size of these ads. I would like if to be possible for the Counties to just put an advertisement in the newspaper stating when, where and what time the sales are. The County's web address would also be included in the ad so that prospective buyers could check the particulars on terms of sales, upset price, and description of properties.

In today's "Technology Age" this should be an option that could provide a definite HUGE cost savings. I have been advised by legal counsel that we cannot do this without legal implications unless we get the statute changed.

I appreciate your consideration of changing this statute. Thank you for your time!

Yours truly,

Commissioner Anthony M. Petrucci
Dauphin County

§ 5860.602. Notice of sale

(a) At least thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled sale the bureau shall give notice thereof, not less than once in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the county, if so many are published therein, and once in the legal journal, if any, designated by the court for the publication of legal notices. Such notice shall set forth (1) the purposes of such sale, (2) the time of such sale, (3) the place of such sale, (4) the terms of the sale including the approximate upset price, (5) the descriptions of the properties to be sold as stated in the claims entered and the name of the owner.

(b) Where the owner is unknown and has been unknown for a period of not less than five years, the name of the owner need not be included in such description.

(c) The description may be given intelligible abbreviations.

(d) Such published notice shall be addressed to the "owners of properties described in this notice and to all persons having liens, judgments or municipal or other claims against such properties."

(e) In addition to such publications, similar notice of the sale shall also be given by the bureau as follows:

For Title 72, Consolidated Statutes, see Appendix following this Title