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Receivership

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In all cases, the court in which the delinquent tax suit is filed may appoint receivers to take charge of the property and collect the rents and profits. After the receiver is compensated, the funds are to be applied to the taxes, costs, penalties and interest.¹

For delinquent taxes which have been due and payable for at least two years, any governmental body having an interest in such tax lien has the right to petition the court in which the delinquent tax suits are filed to appoint receivers to collect rents on the property subject to the tax lien. The right to appoint a receiver exists whether or not the property is being misused, wasted, or neglected, and whether the security for such tax is adequate or not.² However, a residence is not subject to a receivership.³

After the receiver is compensated, the assets of the receivership are to be distributed for court costs, necessary or desirable expenses for maintenance of the receivership and taxes due parties to the tax suit. Any remaining amount should be paid to the owner of the receivership property.⁴

¹T.C.A. § 67-5-2417.

²T.C.A. § 67-5-2202.

³T.C.A. § 67-5-2203.

⁴T.C.A. §§ 67-5-2206, 67-5-2209.

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