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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW — CONSTRUCTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR SALE OF LAND FOR SCHOOL FUND — RIGHT OF REDEMPTION RESTRICTED.—Land sold at sheriff's sale in 1928 for non-payment of 1926 taxes was purchased by the state. In 1946 the state filed a bill in equity to sell the land for the school fund. The 1941 statute provided: "The former owner of any real estate purchased by the state may redeem at any time until such real estate has been sold as provided in article four of this chapter." W. VA. CODE (Michie. 1943) c. 11-A. art. 3, § 8. Before 1941 the statutory period of redemption was one year after the sheriff's sale. W. VA. REV. CODE (1931) c. 11, art. 10. § 30. The court dismissed the state's bill. *Held*, affirmed. Under this 1941 change in the act, the land had not "become irredeemable" within the meaning of W. VA. CONST. Art XIII, § 4. *State v. Farmers Coal Co.*, 43 S. E. (2d) 625 (1947).

The constitutional section in question, which is the foundation of our tax delinquency laws, reads as follows: "All lands — for any cause forfeited . . . or escheated to Virginia or this State, or purchased by either and become irredeemable, not redeemed, released, transferred, or otherwise disposed of, shall by proceedings in the