## 1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1903 By: Hall of the Senate 5 and 6 Moore of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to online auctions; amending 12 O.S. 2021, Section 757, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2022 (12 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 757), 10 which relates to acceptance of bids; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; 11 prohibiting charging of buyer's premium; limiting certain fees for online auction marketplaces; 12 clarifying certain applicability; amending 12 O.S. 2021, Section 765, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 13 326, O.S.L. 2022 (12 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 765), which relates to the confirmation of sale; 14 prohibiting charging of buyer's premium; limiting certain fees for online auction marketplaces; and 15 providing an effective date. 16 17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2021, Section 757, as 19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2022 (12 O.S. Supp. 2023, 20 Section 757), is amended to read as follows: 21 Section 757. A. 1. No goods or chattels levied upon by an 22 officer pursuant to an execution issued by a court of record shall 23

be sold unless the party causing the execution to be issued:

- sheriff describing the goods or chattels subject to sale and stating the date, time and place where the sale shall occur to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the judgment debtor, any holder of record of an interest in the property, and all other persons of whom the party causing the execution to be issued has notice who claim a lien or any interest in the goods or chattels, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale, if the names and actual addresses of such persons are known, and
- b. causes public notice to be given of the date, time and place of sale, for at least ten (10) days before the day of sale. The notice shall be executed by the sheriff and shall state the name of any person having an interest in the property whose actual address is unknown, and shall designate the person or persons whose unknown successors are being notified. The notice shall be given by advertisement, published in some newspaper published in the county, or, in case no newspaper be is published therein, by setting up advertisements in five public places in the county. Two advertisements shall be put up in the township where the sale is to be held, and

- c. files in the case an affidavit of proof of mailing and of publication or posting.
- 2. A written notice of sale executed prior to the effective date of this act November 1, 1987, by the party causing the execution to be issued but otherwise conforming to the provisions of this section shall, for all purposes, be deemed valid.
- B. 1. If a purchaser other than the party causing the execution to be issued, when required by the sheriff, fails to post cash or certified funds equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the property within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, or otherwise fails to complete the sale, the sheriff may proceed with the sale and may accept the next highest bid.
- 2. When goods and chattels levied upon cannot be sold for want of bidders, the officer making such return shall affix a true and correct inventory of such goods and chattels to the execution, and the party causing such execution to be issued may thereupon sue out another writ of execution, directing the sale of the property levied upon as provided for in this section.
- C. All sales of goods and chattels may be conducted by public auction through the Internet or other electronic means pursuant to this section. For a public auction held by Internet or other electronic means, the place may include the Internet website of an

- online auction marketplace selected by the sheriff to host and conduct the sheriff's sale of goods and chattels.
- D. No sheriff nor other officer conducting the sale of such property, nor any appraiser or online auction marketplace, shall either directly or indirectly purchase the same; and every purchase so made shall be considered fraudulent and void. If the online auction marketplace is a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership, the foregoing restriction shall apply to any director, officer, employee, managing member, or partner of such appraiser or online auction marketplace.
- E. In the case of a sale by a sheriff conducted through an online auction marketplace, the online auction marketplace may collect deposits and hold payments by wire transfer, electronic funds transfer, or cashier's check from a registered bidder, and additional purchase money payments up to the full amount of the winning bid, settle the transaction, and then remit payment of the purchase price money to the court clerk as directed by the sheriff or the court. Except as provided in Section 765 of this title, no buyer's premium shall be charged to a buyer on any sale including a sale conducted through an online auction platform. Any fee charged by an online marketplace and all costs incurred by the online auction marketplace shall be assessed as costs at one and six-tenths percent (1.6%) of selling price not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$325.00).

- F. The provisions of this section shall apply only to sales conducted by sheriffs and shall not apply to any other public auction.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2021, Section 765, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2022 (12 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 765), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 765. A. Upon the return of any writ of execution for the satisfaction of which any lands or tenements have been sold, the party causing the execution to be issued shall:
- 1. Cause a written notice of hearing on the confirmation of the sale to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all persons to whom mailing of the notice of the execution sale was required to be made pursuant to Section 764 of this title and to the high bidder at such sale, at least ten (10) days before the hearing on the confirmation of the sale, and if the name or address of any such person is unknown, shall cause a notice of the hearing on the confirmation of the sale to be published in a newspaper authorized by law to publish legal notices in the county in which the property is situated. If no newspaper authorized by law to publish legal notices is published in such county, the notice shall be published in an adjoining county. The notice shall state the name of any person being so notified and shall be published once at least ten (10) days

- prior to the date of the hearing on the confirmation of the sale; and
- 2. Files in the case an affidavit of proof of mailing, and if required, of publication.
- Any person filing a written objection to the confirmation of the sale shall cause a copy of such written objection to be mailed, prior to the hearing on the confirmation of the sale, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all persons to whom mailing of the notice of the hearing on the confirmation of the sale was required to be made pursuant to this section. The court may continue the hearing or make such other orders as are necessary to allow the interested persons to adequately support or oppose any such objections to the confirmation of the sale. If the court, after having carefully examined the proceedings of the officer, is satisfied that the sale has, in all respects, been made in conformity with the provisions of this article, the court shall direct the clerk to make an entry on the journal that the court is satisfied of the legality of such sale and shall order that the officer make to the purchaser a deed for such lands and tenements; and the officer, on making such sale, shall deposit the purchase money with the clerk of the court from which said writ of execution issued, where same shall remain until the court shall have examined his proceedings as aforesaid, when said clerk of the court shall pay the same to the person entitled thereto, agreeable to the order of the court. In the case of a sale

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1	by a sheriff conducted through an online auction marketplace, the
2	online auction marketplace may collect and hold deposits and
3	additional purchase money payments up to the full amount of the
4	winning bid, settle the transaction, and then remit payment of the
5	purchase money to the court clerk as directed by the sheriff or the
6	court. Any No buyer's premium shall be charged to a buyer for on
7	any sale including when a sale is conducted through an online
8	auction marketplace services rendered to the buyer shall not be
9	considered purchase price provided that the buyer's premium is
10	disclosed in advance in the listing platform. The fee charged by
11	the online auction marketplace and all costs incurred by the online
12	marketplace shall be assessed as costs at one and six-tenths percent
13	(1.6%) of selling price not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-five
14	<u>Dollars (\$325.00)</u> .
15	SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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17	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, dated 04/03/2024 - DO PASS.
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