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AN ACT to amend article four, chapter fifty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section to be numbered seventy-one, relating to allegations of pleadings or proofs in any action, suit or proceeding in a court of record in this state for collection of any bonds, notes or other evidence of debt subject to assessment for taxation; to provide that any judgment or decree rendered contrary to the provisions hereof be void; to provide that as a part of any judgment or decree rendered in said action, suit or proceeding the court may order that the taxes, interest and penalties due and owing shall be paid out of first collection on said judgment or decree; and to provide that the title to real estate sold by virtue of a deed of trust, mortgage, or vendor's

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lien, shall not be drawn in question by failure of the owner of the debt secured thereby to list the same for taxation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article four, chapter fifty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered seventy-one, to read as follows:

Section 71. In every action at law, proceeding or suit in 2 equity, instituted on and after July second, one thousand nine 3 hundred thirty-four, in a court of record in this state, for the 4 collection of any bonds, notes, or other evidences of debt, the 5 plaintiff or claimant shall be required to allege in his plead-6 ings, or to prove by affidavit or otherwise at any time before 7 final judgment or decree is entered:

- (1) That such bonds, notes or other evidence of debt have 9 been assessed for taxation for each and every tax year on the 10 first day of which he was the owner of same, not exceeding five 11 years prior to that in which the action, suit or proceeding was 12 instituted and not in any event, for any period beginning earlier 12-a than the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred 12-b thirty-three, or
- 13 (2) That such bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt con-

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14 stituted a part of the capital employed in the business of such 15 plaintiff or claimant and were assessed or taxed as such, or 16 otherwise assessed or taxed as prescribed by law, or

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- 17 (3) That the plaintiff or claimant has not paid, or is unable
 18 to pay, the taxes and interest and penalties, if any, on such
 19 bonds, notes or other evidences of debt, but is willing for the
 20 same to be paid out of his first recovery thereon, or
- 21 (4) That such bonds, notes or other evidence of debt sued upon
 22 are not taxable under the law in the hands of the plaintiff or
 23 claimant, or are otherwise exempt from taxation; and no judg24 ment or decree of a court of record rendered in an action, suit
 25 or proceeding instituted on and after the date aforesaid, shall
 26 be valid unless the allegation herein required was made, or
 27 unless the proof herein required was adduced before final judg28 ment or decree was entered.
- When in any such action at law, suit in equity or proceeding,
 ti is ascertained that there are unpaid taxes, including interest
 and penalties, if any, on the evidence or evidences of debt sought
 to be enforced, and the plaintiff or claimant makes it appear
 to the court that he has not paid, or is unable to pay, said taxes,
 including interest and penalties, if any, but is willing for the

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35 same to be paid out of his first recovery thereon, the court may 36 order, as a part of any judgment or decree in said action, suit 37 or proceeding, that the taxes, including interest and penalties, 38 if any, that are due and owing, shall be paid to the proper offi-39 cer out of the first collection on said judgment or decree.

40 But the title to real estate heretofore or hereafter sold by 41 virtue of a deed of trust, mortgage or vendor's lien, shall not be 42 drawn in question upon the ground that the holder of the notes 43 or bonds or evidences of debt secured by such deed of trust, 44 mortgage or vendor's lien, did not list the same for taxation; and 45 this act shall not affect in any manner any action, suit or pro-46 ceeding pending or instituted in any court of this state prior 47 to July second, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four.

48 If any paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this act shall 49 for any reason be held invalid, the validity of the remaining 50 phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs of this act shall not 51 be affected thereby.

52 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of 53 this act are hereby repealed as of the day this act becomes 54 effective.

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