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SENATE BILL No. 242

(By Mr. 13ean)

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(By Mr. Bean)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article two, chapter fifty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the enforcement of vendor's liens and liens created by deeds of trust and mortages on real estate.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article two, chapter fifty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 5. Enforcement of Lien.—No lien reserved on

- 2 the face of any conveyance of real estate, or lien created
- 3 by any trust deed or mortgage on real estate, shall be valid
- 4 or binding as a lien on such real estate, after the expira-

5 tion of twenty years from the date on which the original debt or obligation secured thereby becomes due, unless 7 suit to enforce the same shall have been instituted prior to the expiration of such period; and no extension of the original time of payment of such debt or obligation, or renewal of any note or other evidence of indebtedness se-10 cured by such lien, or provision for such extension or 11 12 renewal in such conveyance, trust deed or mortgage, shall operate to extend the limitation of twenty years herein-13 14 before provided: Provided, however, The lien reserved 15 or created as aforesaid shall continue to be valid and be 16 enforceable, if, prior to the expiration of the said original 17 period of limitations, the vendor or the mortgagee or the 18 trustee or beneficiary, or their successors or assigns, 19 shall execute and cause to be recorded in the office where 20 the original lien instrument was recorded an affidavit 21 setting forth the unpaid balance of the debt and interest 22 secured by such original lien instrument. Upon the filing 23 of such affidavit the lien of the original instrument shall 24 continue and be enforceable for an additional period of twenty years from the date of the filing of such affidavit 25

unless sooner released, and the clerk of the court shall cause the extension affidavit to be recorded and indexed 27 in the same manner as the original lien instrument and 28 29 shall note the fact of filing such extension affidavit on the margin of the page where the original lien instru-30 ment is recorded. Such affidavit shall recite the book and 31 32 page of recordation of the original deed, deed of trust or mortgage. The provisions of this section shall apply, with 33 like effect, to every such lien now existing, as well as to 34 every such lien hereafter reserved or created.

SECRETARY OF STATE