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FOR

Senate Bill No. 59

(Mr. Rogers and Mr. Tucker, original sponsors)

(Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary.)

[Passed April 2, 1985; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, atricle one, chapter thirty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to property sold under a deed of trust; notification of subordinate lienholders.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. VENDOR'S AND TRUST DEED LIENS. §38-1-4. Notice of sale.

- 1 Unless property is to be sold under a deed of trust
- 2 executed and delivered prior to the first day of July, one
- 3 thousand nine hundred eighty, which contains a provision
- 4 waiving the requirement of published notice, or the prop-
- 5 erty to be sold is in the opinion of the trustee of less
- 6 value than two thousand dollars, the trustee shall pub-
- 7 lish a notice of a trustee's sale as a Class III legal adver-

tisement in compliance with the provisions of article 9 three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the county where the 10 11 property is located. If in the opinion of the trustee the 12 property is of less value than two thousand dollars, such 13 notice of sale shall be posted at least twenty days prior thereto at the front door of the courthouse of 14 the county in which the property is to be sold, and at 15 16 three other public places in the county, one of which 17 shall be as near as practicable to the premises to be sold 18 if the sale is of real estate. In all cases, whether the notice is published or not, a copy of such notice shall be 19 served on the grantor in such trust deed, or his agent or 20 personal representative, if he or they are within the 21 22 county, at least twenty days prior to the sale, unless service of such notice be expressly waived by the grantor 23 in any such trust deed; and shall be served by certified 25 mail, at least twenty days prior to the sale, upon any subordinate lienholder who has previously notified the 26 27 primary lienholder by certified mail of the existence of a subordinate lien: Provided, That notice need not be given 28 to a subordinate lienholder for sales for which notice has 29 been posted or published prior to the effective date of 30 this section. Every notice of sale by a trustee under a 31 32trust deed shall show the following particulars: (a) The time and place of sale; (b) the names of the parties to 33 34 the deed under which it will be made; (c) the date of the deed; (d) the office and book in which it is recorded; (e) the quantity and description of the land or other prop-36 37 erty or both conveyed thereby; and (f) the terms of sale: Provided, however, That except as expressly pro-38 39 vided in this section, no trust deed shall waive the re-40 quirements of publication of notice as required by this section. Notice to a subordinate lienholder shall be com-41 42 plete when such notice is mailed in accordance with the provisions of this section, directed to the address of the 43 subordinate lienholder as provided by such subordinate 45 lienholder in the notice of existence of a subordinate 46 lien.

47 An individual who purchases property at a trustee's 48 sale is under no duty to ascertain whether notice was

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- 49 given to subordinate lienholders in accordance with the
- 50 provisions of this section, and such right, title and in-
- 51 terest as the purchaser may acquire shall not be affected
- 52 by defects in such notice or the service thereof, if the
- 53 purchaser is otherwise a bona fide purchaser for value.

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