

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to duration of real property  
3           liens; amending s. 55.10, F.S.; revising the  
4           period of duration of certain liens; providing  
5           an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9           Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) of  
10          section 55.10, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11           55.10 Judgments, orders, and decrees; lien of all,  
12          generally; extension of liens; transfer of liens to other  
13          security.--

14           (1) A judgment, order, or decree becomes a lien on  
15          real property ~~estate~~ in any county when a certified copy of it  
16          is recorded in the official records or judgment lien record of  
17          the county, whichever is maintained at the time of  
18          recordation, ~~and it shall be a lien for a period of 7 years~~  
19          ~~from the date of the recording~~ provided that the judgment,  
20          order, or decree contains the address of the person who has a  
21          lien as a result of such judgment, order, or decree or a  
22          separate affidavit is recorded simultaneously with the  
23          judgment, order, or decree stating the address of the person  
24          who has a lien as a result of such judgment, order, or decree.  
25          A judgment, order, or decree does not become a lien on real  
26          property ~~estate~~ unless the address of the person who has a  
27          lien as a result of such judgment, order, or decree is  
28          contained in the judgment, order, or decree or an affidavit  
29          with such address is simultaneously recorded with the  
30          judgment, order, or decree. If the certified copy was first  
31          recorded in a county in accordance with this subsection

1 between July 1, 1987, and June 30, 1994, then the judgment,  
2 order, or decree shall be a lien in that county for an initial  
3 period of 7 years from the date of the recording. If the  
4 certified copy is first recorded in accordance with this  
5 subsection on or after July 1, 1994, then the judgment, order,  
6 or decree shall be a lien in that county for an initial period  
7 of 10 years from the date of the recording.

8 (2) The lien provided for in subsection (1) or an  
9 extension of that lien as provided by this subsection may be  
10 extended for an additional period of 10 years, subject to the  
11 limitation in subsection (3), by rerecording a certified copy  
12 of the judgment, order, or decree prior to the expiration of  
13 the lien or the expiration of the extended lien ~~provided for~~  
14 ~~in subsection (1)~~ and by simultaneously recording an affidavit  
15 with the current address of the person who has a lien as a  
16 result of the judgment, order, or decree. The extension ~~one~~  
17 ~~additional period of 10 years~~ shall be effective from the date  
18 the certified copy of the judgment, order, or decree is  
19 rerecorded. The lien or extended lien will not be extended  
20 unless the affidavit with the current address is  
21 simultaneously recorded.

22 (3) In no event shall the lien upon real property  
23 created by this section be extended beyond the period provided  
24 for in s. 55.081 or beyond the point at which the lien is  
25 satisfied, whichever occurs first.

26 (4) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,~~  
27 This act shall apply to all judgments, orders, and decrees of  
28 record which constitute a lien on real property; except that  
29 ~~immediately prior to the effective date of this act any~~  
30 judgment, order, or decree recorded prior to July 1, 1987,  
31 ~~shall be unaffected by the changes in this act and shall~~

1 remain a lien on real property until the period provided for  
2 in s. 55.081 expires or until the lien is satisfied, whichever  
3 occurs first.

4           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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