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A bill to be entitled An act relating to foreclosure proceedings for nonhomestead property; creating part II of ch. 702, F.S.; creating the "Nonjudicial Foreclosure Act for Nonhomestead Properties"; defining terms; specifying the application of the act to mortgages or other security interests; specifying the extent to which parties to a security instrument may agree to deviate from certain provisions of the act; specifying the application of principles of law and equity; specifying the manner in which a secured creditor must give notice to a recipient; defining terms relating to the delivery and receipt of a notice; providing that a transaction that is intended to create a security interest does so irrespective of certain documents; specifying the time of foreclosure; specifying acts that constitute abandonment of a homestead property; providing for the application of the act to a homestead property that has been abandoned; specifying methods by which a secured creditor may foreclose and sell a property subject to foreclosure; requiring a notice of default and providing a right to cure before a foreclosure may be initiated; providing an exception to the requirement for a notice of default and the right to cure; specifying the information that must be contained in a notice of default; specifying the manner in which a notice of foreclosure must be given; specifying the information that must be contained in a

notice of foreclosure; authorizing a person to record

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in the public record a request to receive a notice of foreclosure; imposing a penalty on a foreclosing creditor who fails to notify a person who recorded a request for a notice of foreclosure; authorizing a residential debtor to request a meeting to object to a foreclosure; requiring the foreclosing creditor to meet with a residential debtor who requests a meeting to object to the foreclosure; requiring that notice be given after that meeting as to whether the foreclosure will proceed or be discontinued; specifying the period within which a foreclosure must occur after a notice of foreclosure; authorizing a person to commence a proceeding in court to challenge a foreclosure under certain circumstances; providing that a person has the right to redeem the collateral for a security interest before the time of foreclosure; specifying requirements for a foreclosure by auction; requiring a foreclosing creditor who elects to foreclose by auction to have evidence of title; limiting the liability of the foreclosing creditor because of errors in information provided to prospective bidders; requiring a foreclosing creditor to advertise a foreclosure sale; specifying authorized methods to advertise a foreclosure sale; specifying the information that must be contained in an advertisement for a foreclosure sale; requiring a foreclosing creditor to grant access to prospective bidders to real property that is the subject of a foreclosure sale under certain circumstances; specifying the date,

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time, and place of an auction sale; specifying circumstances under which parcels may be combined for purposes of an auction sale; specifying procedures to postpone and reschedule an auction sale; requiring that a person designated by the foreclosing creditor conduct an auction sale; specifying duties of the person conducting the auction sale; specifying procedures for bidding at an auction sale; requiring that the highest bidder at an auction sale pay a deposit; requiring the highest bidder to pay the full amount of the sale within a certain period of time; providing that the highest bidder may forfeit the deposit if payment in full is not made within a certain period of time; providing for the distribution of funds from a foreclosure sale; requiring the foreclosing creditor to convey the foreclosed property to the highest bidder upon payment in full; requiring the foreclosing creditor to record an affidavit in the official records relating to the foreclosure on the security instrument; providing procedures for a foreclosing creditor to discontinue a foreclosure; specifying requirements for a foreclosing creditor to foreclose by negotiated sale; requiring a foreclosing creditor that intends to foreclose through a negotiated sale to give a notice of the proposed negotiated sale; specifying the contents of the notice; specifying procedures to complete a foreclosure by negotiated sale; authorizing a person to object to a proposed foreclosure by negotiated

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sale; requiring the foreclosing creditor to execute an affidavit relating to a foreclosure by negotiated sale; requiring a deed and bill of sale to be recorded in the public records after a foreclosure; providing for the distribution of funds from a foreclosure by negotiated sale; authorizing a person holding an interest in collateral that is subordinate to the interest of the foreclosing creditor to object to a foreclosure sale; specifying procedures that must be followed by the foreclosing creditor if a person having a subordinate interest objects to a foreclosure sale; specifying procedures that must be followed by a secured creditor that elects to foreclose by appraisal; requiring a foreclosing creditor that elects to foreclose by appraisal to obtain a written appraisal of the collateral; requiring persons in possession of the real property collateral to provide access to the property for an appraisal; specifying the qualifications of an appraiser; requiring a foreclosing creditor who elects to foreclose by appraisal to give a notice of appraisal; specifying the contents for the notice of appraisal; authorizing a person holding an interest in the collateral that is subordinate to the interest held by the foreclosing creditor to object to a proposed foreclosure by appraisal; requiring a foreclosing creditor to execute an affidavit relating to a foreclosure by negotiated sale; requiring the foreclosing creditor to record the affidavit in the public records; specifying procedures

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that a foreclosing creditor must follow if an objection to a foreclosure by appraisal is made by a person having a security interest in the collateral that is subordinate to the interest held by the foreclosing creditor; specifying the distribution of the proceeds of a foreclosure sale and investment earnings on those proceeds; limiting the liability of the foreclosing creditor for an erroneous distribution of the proceeds of a foreclosure sale under certain circumstances; specifying the effect of a foreclosure sale; authorizing a person aggrieved by foreclosure to commence a proceeding in court for damages or to set aside the foreclosure under certain circumstances; authorizing a person who acquires an interest in property that was the subject of a foreclosure to obtain a writ of possession to commence an action for ejectment or unlawful detainer; authorizing a foreclosing creditor or other person who had a security interest in the collateral before foreclosure to obtain a judgment against a person who is liable for the deficiency; specifying circumstances under which a debtor is not liable for a deficiency; specifying the amount of a deficiency for which a debtor may be liable; requiring that the act be construed consistently with similar acts in other states; specifying the extent to which the act modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; providing an effective date.

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20102270 146 147 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 148 Section 1. Part II of chapter 702, Florida Statutes, 149 consisting of sections 702.201, 702.202, 702.203, 702.204, 150 702.205, 702.206, 702.207, 702.208, 702.209, 702.211, 702.212, 151 152 702.213, 702.214, 702.215, 702.216, 702.217, 702.218, 702.219, 702.2201, 702.2202, 702.2203, 702.2204, 702.2205, 702.2206, 153 702.2207, 702.2208, 702.2209, 702.221, 702.2211, 702.2212, 154 702.2213, 702.231,702.232, 702.233, 702.234, 702.235, 702.236, 155 156 702.241, 702.242, 702.243, 702.244, 702.245, 702.246, 702.251, 157 702.252, 702.253, 702.254, 702.255, 702.256, 702.261, and 702.262, is created to read: 158 159 PART II 160 NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ACT FOR NONHOMESTEAD PROPERTIES 161 702.201 Short title; scope of application.—This part may be 162 cited as the "Nonjudicial Foreclosure Act for Nonhomestead 163 Properties." In lieu of any other foreclosure remedy that may be available, this part may, at the option of the foreclosing 164 165 creditor, be used to effect a foreclosure of a security 166 instrument in any real or personal property that is not 167 homestead property as defined by s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution. The foreclosure remedy available under this part 168 169 does not modify any other foreclosure remedy available under 170 state law. 171 702.202 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term: 172 (1) "Collateral" means property, real or personal, subject 173 to a security interest. (2) "Common-interest community" means real property for 174

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which a person is obligated to pay ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of other real property described in a declaration or other governing documents, however denominated, by virtue of the community's or association's ownership of the property or the holding of a leasehold interest of at least 20 years, including renewal options under the lease. The term includes a community governed by a homeowners' association, as defined in s. 720.301, and a condominium community governed by one or more condominium association, as defined in s. 718.103.

- (3) "Day" means a calendar day.
- (4) "Debtor" means a person that owes payment or other performance of an obligation, whether absolute or conditional, primary or secondary, which is secured under a security instrument, regardless of whether the security instrument imposes personal liability on the debtor. The term does not include a person whose sole interest in the property is a security interest.
- (5) "Evidence of title" means a title insurance policy, a preliminary title report or binder, a title insurance commitment, an attorney's opinion of title based on an examination of the public records or an abstract, or any other means of reporting the state of title to real estate which is customary in a locality.
 - (6) "Expenses of foreclosure" means the lesser of:
 - (a) The reasonable costs incurred by a secured creditor.
- (b) The maximum amounts permitted by other law in connection with a foreclosure for transmission of notices, advertising, evidence of title, inspections and examinations of

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the collateral, management and securing of the collateral, liability insurance, filing and recording fees, attorney's fees and litigation expenses incurred pursuant to ss. 702.217 and 702.251, to the extent provided in the security instrument or authorized by law, appraisal fees, the fee of the person conducting the sale in the case of a foreclosure by auction, fees of court-appointed receivers, and other expenses reasonably necessary to the foreclosure.

- (7) "Foreclosing creditor" means a secured creditor who is engaged in a foreclosure.
- (8) "Guarantor" means a person liable for the debt of another, and includes a surety and an accommodation party.
- (9) "Homestead property" means real or personal property exempted from forced sale under process of court pursuant to s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution.
- (10) "Interestholder" means a person who owns a legally recognized interest in real or personal property which is subordinate in priority to a security interest foreclosed under this part.
- (11) "Original notice of foreclosure" means the first notice of foreclosure sent pursuant to s. 702.214 instituting a foreclosure.
- (12) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, or government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; or public corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (13) "Purchase-money obligation" means an obligation incurred in order to pay part or all of the purchase price of

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233 residential real property collateral. An obligation is not a
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- (a) Incurred to the vendor of the real property;
- (b) Owed to a third-party lender to pay a loan made to pay part or all of the purchase price of the real property;
- (c) Incurred to purchase labor and materials for the construction of substantial improvements on the real property; or
- (d) To pay a loan, all of the proceeds of which were used to repay in full an obligation of the type described in paragraphs (a)-(c).
- or under land, including minerals, structures, fixtures, and other things that by custom, usage, or law pass with a conveyance of land though not described or mentioned in the contract of sale or instrument of conveyance. The term includes the interest of a landlord or tenant and, unless that interest is considered personal property, an interest in a commoninterest community.
- (15) "Record," used as a verb, means to take the actions necessary to perfect an interest in real property.
- (16) "Record," used as a noun, means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
 - (17) "Residential" means:
 - (a) As applied to an interestholder, an individual who

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holds a possessory interest, other than a leasehold interest
having a duration of 1 year or less, in residential real
property in which a security interest exists, and any person
that is wholly owned and controlled by such an individual or
individuals.

- (b) As applied to a debtor, an individual who is obligated, primarily or secondarily, on an obligation secured in whole or in part by residential real property, and any person that is wholly owned and controlled by such an individual or individuals.
- (18) "Secured creditor" means a creditor that has the right to foreclose a security interest in real property.
- (19) "Security instrument" means a mortgage, deed of trust, security deed, contract for deed, agreement for deed, land sale contract, lease creating a security interest, or other contract or conveyance that creates or provides for an interest in real property to secure payment or performance of an obligation, whether by acquisition or retention of a lien, a lessor's interest under a lease, or title to the real property. A security instrument may also create a security interest in personal property. If a security instrument makes a default under any other agreement a default under the security instrument, the security instrument includes the other agreement. The term includes any modification or amendment of a security instrument, and includes a lien on real property created by a record to secure an obligation owed by an owner of the real property to an association in a common-interest community or under covenants running with the real property.
 - (20) "Security interest" means an interest in real or

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community if that interest is or is deemed to be personal

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- (c) A security interest in rents or proceeds of real property; or
 - (d) A security interest in homestead property.
 - (3) This part does not preclude or govern foreclosure or other enforcement of security interests in real property by judicial or other action permitted by other law.
 - (a) A secured creditor may not take action in pursuance of foreclosure under this part if a judicial proceeding is pending in this state to foreclose the security interest or to enforce the secured obligation against a person primarily liable for the obligation.
 - (b) A secured creditor may not take action in pursuance of foreclosure under this part if, before foreclosure commences, a judicial proceeding is pending in this state to challenge the existence, validity, or enforceability of the security interest to be foreclosed.
 - (c) Foreclosure under this part may proceed even if a judicial proceeding is pending or a judicial order has been obtained for appointment or supervision of a receiver of the collateral, possession of the collateral, enforcement of an assignment of rents or other proceeds of the collateral, or collection or sequestration of rents or other proceeds of the collateral or to enforce the secured obligation against a guarantor.
 - (4) If a security instrument covers both real property and personal property, the secured creditor may proceed under this part as to both the real property and personal property to the extent permitted by chapter 679.

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702.204 Variation by agreement.—Except as otherwise provided in subsections (1)-(4), the parties to a security instrument may not by agreement vary the effect of a provision of this part.

- (1) The time within which a person must respond to a notice sent by a secured creditor may be extended by agreement.
- (2) The parties to a security instrument may vary the effect of a provision that by its terms permits the parties to do so.
- (3) The parties by agreement may determine the standards by which performance of obligations under this part is to be measured if those standards are not manifestly unreasonable.
- (4) A guarantor may waive the right to receive notices under this part with respect to the foreclosure of the property of a debtor who is not a guarantor unless such waiver is unenforceable under other law.
- 702.205 Supplemental principles of law and equity applicable.—Unless displaced by a particular provision of this part, the principles of law and equity affecting security interests in real property supplement this part.
 - 702.206 Notice and knowledge.-
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Address" means a physical or an electronic address, or both, as a contract requires.
 - (b) "Address for notice" means:
 - 1. With respect to a notice given by a secured creditor:
- a. For a recipient that has given to the secured creditor a security instrument or other document in connection with a security instrument, the address, if any, specified in the

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- b. For a recipient not described in sub-subparagraph a. that is identifiable from examination of the public records of the county or counties in which the collateral is located, or, if personal property is being foreclosed together with real property, financing statement filings under chapter 679, the address, if any, specified in the recorded or filed document.
- c. For a recipient not described in sub-subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. that the secured creditor knows is a tenant, subtenant, or leasehold assignee of all or part of the real property collateral, the most recent address made known to the security creditor by that person or, if none, the address of the real property collateral, including the designation of any office, apartment, or other unit that the secured creditor knows is possessed by the recipient, with the notice directed to the recipient's name, if known, or otherwise "To Tenant occupying property at" the physical address or description of the real property collateral.
- d. If the sources described in sub-subparagraphs a.-c. do not disclose an address, the physical address of the real property collateral, if known to the secured creditor.
- 2. With respect to notices given by persons other than a secured creditor, the address given in a document provided by the recipient to the person giving notice.
- (c) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.
- (d) "Electronic notice" means an electronic record signed by the person sending the notice.

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(e) "Electronic record" means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

- (f) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to authenticate the record.
 - (g) "Recipient" means a person to whom a notice is sent.
- (h) "Written notice" means a written record signed by the person giving the notice.
 - (2) A person knows a fact if:
 - (a) The person has actual knowledge of the fact.
- (b) The person has received a notice or notification of the fact.
- (c) From all the facts and circumstances known to the person at the time in question, the person has reason to know the fact exists.
- (3) Notice is sent or given or a recipient is notified, subject to the limitations of subsection (4), if such notice is made:
- (a) By hand delivering a written notice to the recipient or to an individual found at the recipient's address for notice who is authorized to receive service of civil process.
- (b) By depositing written notice, properly addressed to the recipient's address for notice along with the cost of delivery paid, with:
- 1. The United States Postal Service, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.
 - 2. The United States Postal Service by regular mail.
 - 3. A commercially reasonable carrier other than the United

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(c) Subject to subsection (7), by initiating operations that in the ordinary course will cause the notice to come into existence at the recipient's address for notice in the recipient's information processing system in a form capable of being processed by the recipient.

- (4) If the recipient is an individual and the security interest covers the recipient's primary residence, use of the methods of notice specified in subsection (3) are limited as follows:
- (a) A notice of default provided pursuant to s. 702.212 or a notice of foreclosure provided pursuant to s. 702.213 must be provided by both methods specified in subparagraphs (3)(b)2. and 3.
- (b) A notice that is not a notice of default provided pursuant to s. 702.212 or a notice of foreclosure provided pursuant to s.702.213 must be provided by using a method specified in paragraph (3)(a) or paragraph (3)(b).
- (5) If a person giving a notice and the recipient have agreed to limit the methods of transmission of the notice otherwise permitted by subsections (3) and (4), that limitation is enforceable to the extent that it is consistent with subsection (4) and is otherwise permitted by law.
- (6) A person may not give an electronic notice unless the recipient uses, designates by agreement, or otherwise has designated or holds out an information processing system or address within that system as a place for the receipt of communications of that kind. An electronic notice is not deemed sent if the sender or its information processing system inhibits

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the ability of the recipient to print or store the record.

- (7) If, at the time of giving a required notice, a person knows that the recipient's address for notice is incorrect or that notices cannot be delivered to the recipient at that address, the person that sent the notice must make a reasonable effort to determine a correct address for the recipient and send the notice to the address so determined. Compliance with the provisions of chapter 49 satisfy the requirement to make reasonable effort to locate the party entitled to notice.
- (8) If, after giving a notice, a person acquires knowledge that the address of the recipient to which the notice was directed is incorrect or that notices cannot be delivered to the recipient at that address, the person that sent the notice must promptly make a reasonable effort to determine a correct address for the recipient and send another copy of the notice to the address so determined, if any. The first notice, if timely sent and properly directed to the recipient's address for notice, complies with the time requirements of this part.
- (9) A person may use methods of giving notice in addition to the methods required by subsections (3) and (4).
- (10) A notice is sufficient even if it includes information that is not required by law or contains minor errors that are not seriously misleading.
- (11) Receipt of a notice within the time in which it would have been received if properly sent has the effect of a proper giving of notice.
- (12) If the recipient is an individual, a notice is received when it comes to the recipient's attention or is delivered to and available at the recipient's address for

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notice. If the recipient is not an individual, a notice is received when it is brought to the attention of the individual conducting the transaction, or when it would have been brought to that individual's attention if the recipient had exercised due diligence. An organization exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant information with the person conducting the transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the routines. Due diligence does not require an individual acting for the organization to communicate information unless such communication is part of the individual's regular duties or unless the individual has reason to know of the transaction and to know that the transaction would be materially affected by the information.

- (13) Subject to subsection (14), a person that has sent a notice may revoke it by a subsequent notice unless the recipient has materially changed its position in reliance on the notice before receiving the revocation.
- (14) A notice of foreclosure may be revoked by the secured creditor at any time before the time of foreclosure. Revocation may be accomplished only by recording a sworn affidavit in public records of each county in which the notice of foreclosure was recorded, stating that the secured creditor has revoked the notice of foreclosure. If a notice of foreclosure is revoked, all proceedings taken under that notice are void.
- 702.207 Transaction creating security interest.—A transaction that is intended to create a security interest does so irrespective of the caption of the documents used in the transaction.
 - 702.208 Time of foreclosure.—The time of foreclosure is:

21-01523-10 20102270 523 (1) The time the affidavit required by s. 702.2212 is 524 recorded in the case of a foreclosure by auction; 525 (2) The time the affidavit required by s. 702.235 is 526 recorded in the case of a foreclosure by negotiated sale; or 527 (3) The time the affidavit required by s. 702.245 is 528 recorded in the case of a foreclosure by appraisal. 529 702.209 Abandonment of homestead.-530 (1) Notwithstanding any exemption of homestead property from the scope of this part, any homestead property that has 531 532 been abandoned by the mortgagor of the property is subject to 533 foreclosure pursuant to this part if the owner of the property 534 has abandoned the mortgaged property. 535 (2) A secured creditor may deem property formerly held as 536 homestead to be abandoned if the property owner: 537 (a) Affirmatively represents in writing an intent to 538 abandon the property. 539 (b) Affirmatively acts in a manner that manifests the 540 intent to surrender the property owner's interest in the 541 property to the secured creditor. 542 (c) Establishes a homestead in a property other than the 543 property subject to the secured creditor's security interest. 544 (d) Enters into a contract to lease the secured property 545 for a period of more than 1 year. 546 (e) Leaves the secured property vacant for a period of more 547 than 3 months and does not provide for the maintenance or 548 physical security of the property during that time. 549 (f) Fails to pay ad valorem taxes and maintain property 550 insurance on the property for a period of 1 year.

702.211 Right to foreclose.

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(1) A secured creditor has a right to foreclose under this part if:

- (a) All conditions that by law and the terms of the security instrument are prerequisites to foreclosure have been satisfied;
- (b) All notices to the debtor required by the security instrument and by this part as prerequisites to foreclosure have been given; and
- (c) All periods for cure available to the debtor by the terms of the security instrument and law as prerequisites to foreclosure have elapsed and a cure has not been made.
- (2) A foreclosing creditor may pursue foreclosure exclusively by auction, by negotiated sale, or by appraisal. The foreclosing creditor also may simultaneously pursue foreclosure by auction and either foreclosure by negotiated sale or foreclosure by appraisal. If the foreclosing creditor pursues two methods of foreclosure simultaneously, the notice of foreclosure must so state.
 - 702.212 Notice of default and right to cure.-
 - (1) Subject to subsection (2) and paragraph (6)(a):
- (a) A notice of default must be given to each debtor and each interestholder whose interest gives a right of possession of the real property collateral; and
- (b) The cure period provided in this section must expire without a cure being made before notice of foreclosure is given.
- (2) Except as provided in the security instrument, notice of default need not be given and a cure period is not applicable if the default cannot be cured.
 - (3) A notice of default must contain:

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(a) The facts establishing that a default has occurred;

- (b) The amount to be paid or other performance required to cure the default, including the daily rate of accrual for amounts accruing over time and the time within which cure must be made;
- (c) The name, address, and telephone number of an individual who is or represents the secured creditor and who can be contacted for further information concerning the default; and
- (d) A statement that foreclosure may be initiated if the default is not cured in a timely manner.
- (4) Within 30 days after notice of default is given to the last person entitled to such notice, any person may:
- (a) Cure the default if the default is curable by the payment of money.
- (b) Commence to cure the default if the default cannot be cured by the payment of money and diligently proceed to cure the default and complete the cure of the default within 90 days after the notice of default was given.
- (5) If a person is not proceeding diligently to cure a default that cannot be cured by the payment of money after 30 days after the date the notice of default was sent to the last person entitled to such notice, the secured creditor may immediately terminate the period allowed for cure by accelerating payment of the principal amount owing on the secured obligation or giving an original notice of foreclosure.
- (6) If none of the real property to be foreclosed is residential real property:
- (a) A notice of default is not required and a right to cure does not exist except as agreed by the parties if a default

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cannot be cured by the payment of money and a notice of default was given by the secured creditor within 1 year before the date of the present default on account of a default of the same kind.

- (b) The periods specified in subsection (4) to cure a default may be reduced as the parties agree in the security instrument, but must be at least 10 days.
- (7) A notice of default may be given notwithstanding that a notice of default has previously been given on account of a different default and is still pending.
- (8) The right to cure a default provided in this section does not impair or limit any other right to notice of default or right to cure a default provided to any person by the security instrument. The period to cure provided in this section and any period to cure provided in the security instrument run concurrently unless the security instrument provides otherwise.
- (9) Unless precluded from doing so by law other than this part, a secured creditor shall cooperate with any debtor or interestholder that attempts to cure a default by promptly providing upon request reasonable information concerning the amount or other performance due and expenses necessary for cure.
- (10) If a default is cured within a period allowed by this section, or after the expiration of that period but before acceleration of the principal amount owing on the secured obligation or the giving of an original notice of foreclosure, an acceleration by the secured creditor of the principal amount owing on the secured obligation on account of that default is ineffective.
- (11) During a period allowed for cure of a default under this section, a secured creditor may enforce any remedy other

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than foreclosure provided for by the security instrument and enforceable under the laws of this state other than this part if enforcement does not unreasonably interfere with the ability of a debtor to cure a default under this section.

- 702.213 Notice of foreclosure; manner of giving.-
- (1) If a secured creditor has a right to foreclose under 702.211, the secured creditor may commence foreclosure by giving notice of foreclosure. As a prerequisite to foreclosure, the notice must comply with subsections (2) and (3) and contain the information required by s. 702.214.
- (2) A foreclosing creditor shall record a copy of the notice of foreclosure in the public records of each county in which the real property collateral is located. A person who acquires an interest in the real property collateral after the notice of foreclosure is recorded is deemed to have notice of the notice of foreclosure. In the absence of a recording of the notice of foreclosure, any purported foreclosure under this part is voidable.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a foreclosing creditor shall give a notice of foreclosure to the following persons within 5 days after recording the notice of foreclosure pursuant to subsection (2) if they can be identified as of the time of recording of the notice of foreclosure:
- (a) A person that the foreclosing creditor knows to be a debtor.
- (b) A person specified by the debtor in the security instrument to receive notice on the debtor's behalf.
- (c) A person that is shown by the public records of each county in which any part of the real property collateral is

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668 located to be an interestholder in the real property collateral.

- (d) A person who is entitled to notice with respect to the disposition of the personal property collateral under chapter 679, if the foreclosing creditor holds and intends to foreclose on a security interest in personal property.
- (e) A person who the foreclosing creditor knows is an interestholder in the real property collateral.
- (f) A person that has recorded in the public records of a county in which any part of the real property collateral is located a request for notice of foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.215.
- (4) After the time of recording of the notice of foreclosure, if the foreclosing creditor obtains actual knowledge that a person holds an interest in the collateral that is subordinate in priority to the security instrument, the foreclosing creditor must give a notice of foreclosure to that person within 5 days after obtaining such knowledge.
- (5) A foreclosing creditor may give a special notice of foreclosure to any person described in subsection (3) or subsection (4) to avoid the termination of that person's interest in the collateral by the foreclosure. The special notice shall include the information required by s. 702.214 and must also state that the recipient's interest in the collateral will not be terminated by the foreclosure.
- (6) A foreclosing creditor within 10 days before or after recording a notice of foreclosure shall affix a copy of the notice of foreclosure at a conspicuous place on the real property collateral.
 - (7) An original notice of foreclosure is ineffective if it

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is given after the expiration of the limitation period for foreclosure of a security interest in real property in a judicial proceeding.

- 702.214 Notice of foreclosure; content.—
- (1) The heading of a notice of foreclosure must be conspicuous and must read as follows:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHTS TO CERTAIN PROPERTY. READ THIS NOTICE IMMEDIATELY AND CAREFULLY.

- (2) A notice of foreclosure must contain:
- (a) The date of the notice, the name of the owner of the collateral as identified in the security instrument, a legally sufficient description or the street address, at the secured creditor's option, as stated in the security instrument of the real property collateral or portion of the property being foreclosed, and a description of any personal property collateral included in the foreclosure.
- (b) Information concerning the recording of the security instrument, including the recording date and the book and page number in the official records or the official recording number for the security instrument.
- (c) A statement that a default exists under the security instrument, including the facts establishing the default.
- (d) A statement that the foreclosing creditor is initiating foreclosure.
- (e) A statement that the foreclosing creditor has accelerated, or by virtue of the notice is accelerating, the due date of the principal amount owing on the secured obligation, or

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a statement that the foreclosing creditor has elected not to accelerate the due date.

- (f) A statement that the collateral may be redeemed from the security interest by payment in full or the performance of the secured obligation in full before foreclosure. The statement also must set forth the amount to be paid or other action necessary to redeem, including a per diem amount that will allow calculation of the total balance owed as of future dates and any further amount the foreclosing creditor anticipates expending to protect the collateral.
- (g) A statement of the method or methods of foreclosure the foreclosing creditor elects to use and the earliest date on which foreclosure will occur if a redemption is not made.
- (h) A statement that the foreclosure will terminate the rights in the collateral of the person receiving the notice of foreclosure.
- (i) If applicable, an explanation of a residential debtor's ability to avoid a deficiency judgment by complying with s. 702.255.
- (j) If the foreclosure is by negotiated sale or by appraisal, an explanation of the right of the debtor and holders of subordinate interests to object to the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.236 or s. 702.246.
- (k) If applicable, a statement that, within 15 days after the date that the notice of foreclosure is given, a debtor or an interestholder having a possessory interest in the real property collateral may request a meeting with a representative of the foreclosing creditor to object to the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.216.

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(1) The name, address, and telephone number of an individual who is the foreclosing creditor or a representative of the foreclosing creditor who can be contacted for further information concerning the foreclosure.

702.215 Request for notice of foreclosure.-

- (1) Any person may record in the public records of any county or counties a request for notice of foreclosure of a security instrument that has been recorded in such county or counties. The request must state:
- (a) The date of the security interest, the date of its recording, and the book and page of the official records on which the security interest is recorded or the official recording number of the security instrument's recording;
 - (b) The names of the parties to the security instrument;
- (c) A legally sufficient description of the real property collateral affected by the security instrument;
- (d) The name and address of the person requesting a notice of foreclosure; and
- (e) The legal interest, if any, held by the person recording the request for notice.
- (2) A person that records a request under subsection (1) before the secured party commences foreclosure is entitled to be given notice of foreclosure. Recording a request does not affect the title to the real property collateral and is not constructive notice to any person of an interest in the real property collateral held or claimed by the person requesting notice. A person that records a request for notice under this section may subsequently record an amendment supplementing or correcting the person's name, address, or other information in

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the request, or withdrawing the request. However, the original filing or subsequent amendment supplementing or correcting a prior filing is not effective against a secured creditor who has at the time of the filing commenced foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.213(1).

(3) A foreclosing creditor is liable for a penalty of \$500 to a person that is not given timely notice of foreclosure if that person has recorded a request for notice of foreclosure in compliance with this section. If a recorded request for notice states that the person recording the request has an interest in the real property collateral and the person is not given timely notice of foreclosure, the person's interest in the collateral, if any, is preserved from termination by the foreclosure. A remedy or sanction other than that provided in this section may not be imposed against the foreclosing creditor on behalf of such person.

702.216 Meeting to object to foreclosure.

(1) A residential debtor may request a meeting to object to a foreclosure. The request must be made by a notice received by the foreclosing creditor within 30 days after the notice of foreclosure is given to that debtor. If the foreclosing creditor receives a request for a meeting, the foreclosing creditor or a responsible representative of the foreclosing creditor shall schedule and attend a meeting with the person requesting it at a mutually agreeable time. The representative may be an employee, agent, servicer, or attorney of the foreclosing creditor and must have authority to terminate the foreclosure if the representative determines that a legal basis for the foreclosure does not exist. The meeting may be held in person or by

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telephone, video conferencing, or other reasonable means at the election of the foreclosing creditor. If the meeting is held in person, it must be held at a location reasonably convenient to a parcel of the real property collateral unless the person requesting the meeting and the creditor or representative mutually agree on a different location. If the foreclosing creditor receives requests from more than one person, the creditor or representative may attempt to arrange a consolidated meeting and the persons requesting meetings must cooperate reasonably with the foreclosing creditor's effort to do so.

(2) A meeting conducted pursuant to this section is informal and the rules of evidence do not apply. The parties may be represented by legal counsel. The foreclosing creditor or representative must have access to records that provide evidence of the grounds for foreclosure. If the residential debtor desires to negotiate a forbearance or modification on the underlying obligation, the residential debtor must provide financial statements and other documents sufficient to permit the foreclosing creditor to determine the existence, if any, of grounds to negotiate alternate terms or obligations. The creditor or representative must consider the objections to foreclosure stated by the person requesting the meeting. Within 10 days after the meeting, the creditor, or its representative at the meeting, must give to each person who requested the meeting a written statement indicating whether the foreclosure will be discontinued or will proceed and the reasons for the determination. The objections to foreclosure stated by the person requesting the meeting or the reasons stated by the creditor or representative do not preclude any person from

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raising those or other grounds for objecting to or supporting foreclosure in any subsequent judicial proceeding. A statement or representation made by a person at the meeting may not be introduced as evidence in any judicial proceeding. Each party must bear its own expenses in connection with the meeting.

(3) The foreclosing creditor and the representative do not incur liability for making a determination that is adverse to the person who requested the meeting.

702.217 Period of limitation for foreclosure.—The time of foreclosure must be at least 90 days, but not more than 1 year after an original notice of foreclosure is recorded pursuant to s. 702.213 and at least 30 days after any subsequent notice of foreclosure. The 1-year period of limitation may be extended by agreement of the foreclosing creditor and all persons to whom notice of foreclosure was required to be given, except persons having a interest in the collateral that is subordinate to the interest of the foreclosing creditor. The 1-year and 30-day periods of limitation are tolled during the period that any court order temporarily enjoining or staying the foreclosure is in effect, and during any stay under the United States

Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. s. 101 et seq.

702.218 Judicial supervision of foreclosure.—Before the time of foreclosure, an aggrieved person may commence a proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction for any violation of this part or of other law or principle of equity in the conduct of the foreclosure or for a judicial determination as to whether any property claimed by the debtor as homestead has been abandoned. The court may issue any order within the authority of the court in a foreclosure of a mortgage by

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judicial action, including declaratory judgment, injunction, and postponement of the foreclosure.

702.219 Redemption.—A person having the right to redeem the collateral from a security interest under principles of law and equity may not redeem after the time of foreclosure. Unless precluded from doing so by law other than this part, a foreclosing creditor must cooperate with any person who attempts to redeem the collateral from the security interest before the time of foreclosure by promptly providing upon request reasonable information concerning the amount due or performance required to redeem.

702.2201 Foreclosure by auction.—A secured creditor that elects to foreclose by auction shall comply with ss. 702.2201—702.2213, the general provisions regulating nonjudicial foreclosure in ss. 702.201—702.209, the procedures required before foreclosure in ss. 702.211—702.219, and rights after foreclosure in ss. 702.251—702.256.

702.2202 Evidence of title; other information.-

- (1) If a secured creditor elects to foreclose by auction, the foreclosing creditor shall obtain evidence of title and make a copy of the evidence of title available upon request to any prospective bidder at the foreclosure. The evidence of title must have an effective date of the date of the recording of the original notice of foreclosure or a date within 30 days after the date of the recording. Unless the evidence of title is an attorney's opinion, it must state:
- (a) That the issuer is willing to provide evidence of title to the real property collateral to a person who acquires title by virtue of the foreclosure; and

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(b) The exceptions and exclusions from coverage to which the evidence of title issued to an acquiring person is subject.

- (2) The foreclosing creditor may make reports and information concerning the collateral other than evidence of title available to prospective bidders at the foreclosure.
- (3) The foreclosing creditor is not liable to any person because of error in any information disclosed to prospective bidders unless the information was prepared by the foreclosing creditor and the foreclosing creditor had actual knowledge of the error at the time the information was disclosed.

702.2203 Advertisement of sale.-

- (1) After giving a notice of foreclosure pursuant to ss. 702.213 and 702.214, a foreclosing creditor shall advertise a foreclosure by auction in one of the following methods:
- (a) In a manner that complies with the publication requirements provided in s. 45.031.
- (b) By placing an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which any part of the real property collateral is located. The advertisement must be published at least once per week for 3 consecutive weeks. The last publication of the advertisement must be at least 7 but not more than 30 days before the advertised date of sale.
- (2) At least 21 days before the advertised date of sale, the foreclosing creditor must give a copy of the advertisement required by subsection (1) to the persons to whom notice of foreclosure was required to be given pursuant to s. 702.213. The advertisement may be sent with the notice of foreclosure or may be sent separately in the manner prescribed in s. 702.206. The foreclosing creditor may enter the real property collateral and

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post on it a copy of the advertisement or a sign containing information about the sale.

- (3) An advertisement required by subsection (1) must state or contain:
- (a) The date, time, and location, by street address and, if applicable, by floor and office number, of the foreclosure sale.
- (b) That the sale will be made to the highest qualified bidder.
- (c) The amount or percentage of the bid that will be required of the successful bidder at the completion of the sale as a deposit, and the form in which the deposit may be made if payment other than by cash or certified check will be accepted.
- (d) A legally sufficient description of the real property to be sold, and the street address, if any, or the location if the real property does not have a street address.
- (e) A brief description of any improvements to the real property and any personal property collateral to be sold.
- (f) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual who is the foreclosing creditor, or a representative of the foreclosing creditor, who can provide information concerning the collateral and the foreclosure if the foreclosing creditor is not an individual.
- (g) That a copy of the evidence of title, any available reports concerning the collateral, which may be listed specifically, and additional information is available from the person identified pursuant to paragraph (f).
- (h) Whether access to the collateral for the purpose of inspection before foreclosure is available to prospective bidders and, if so, how to obtain access.

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958 (i) Any other information concerning the collateral or the 959 foreclosure that the foreclosing creditor elects to include.

702.2204 Access to collateral.—If a foreclosing creditor has authority to grant access to the real property collateral, the creditor must reasonably accommodate a person who contacts the creditor, expresses an interest in bidding at the foreclosure sale, and requests an opportunity to inspect the collateral.

702.2205 Location and time of sale.—An auction sale must be conducted:

- (1) At a date and time permitted for a sale as the result of a judicial foreclosure of a security interest in real property;
- (2) In a county in which some or all of the real property collateral is located; and
- (3) At any location where a sale as the result of a judicial foreclosure of a security interest in real property may be held.
 - 702.2206 Foreclosure of two or more parcels.—
- (1) Collateral consisting of two or more parcels of real property may be foreclosed by auction separately or in combination, as provided in the security instrument. If the security instrument does not specify the manner of sale of two or more parcels, the auction may be conducted:
 - (a) By separate sale of each of the parcels; or
- (b) At the time notice of foreclosure is recorded, if two or more parcels are contiguous, are being used in a unitary manner, are part of a unitary plan of development, or are operated under integrated management:

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1. By combining the parcels in a single auction; or

- 2. By conditionally offering the parcels both in combination and separately, and accepting the higher of the two aggregate bids.
- (2) If the entire real property collateral is not made the subject of a single auction, the foreclosing creditor must discontinue sales of parcels or combinations of parcels when the total amount of bids received is sufficient to pay the secured obligation and the expenses of foreclosure.

702.2207 Postponement of sale.-

- (1) An individual conducting a foreclosure auction may postpone the auction for any cause that the foreclosing creditor considers appropriate. Announcement of the postponement, and the time and location of the rescheduled sale must be given orally at the place previously scheduled for the sale and within a reasonable time after the scheduled time for commencement of the sale. Another advertisement or notice of the postponed time and place of sale is not required. A postponement may not be for a period of more than 30 days. Subsequent postponements of the sale may be made in the same manner.
- (2) If an auction cannot be held at the time stated in the notice of sale as the result of a stay under the United States

 Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. 101 et seq., or a stay order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction, the foreclosing creditor may reschedule the auction to occur at a time when the stay is no longer in effect. The rescheduled sale must be advertised and a copy of the advertisement must be sent to the persons entitled to a copy, as provided by s. 702.2203.

702.2208 Conduct of sale.-

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1016 (1) An auction sale must be conducted by a person designated by the foreclosing creditor.

- (2) Before commencing the auction, the person conducting an auction:
- (a) Must make available to prospective purchasers copies of the evidence of title; and
- (b) May verify that persons intending to bid have money in an amount and form necessary to make the deposit stated in the advertisement, but may not disclose the amount that any bidder is prepared to deposit.
- (3) At the option of the creditor, the auction must be conducted:
- (a) By the creditor or the creditor's representative following the procedures for sale prescribed by s. 45.031; or
 - (b) In the following manner:
- 1. Any person, including a debtor and the foreclosing creditor, may bid at the auction. The individual conducting the auction may bid on behalf of the foreclosing creditor or any other person authorized by the foreclosing creditor, but may not bid for his or her own account. The foreclosing creditor may bid by credit up to any amount up to the balance owing on the secured obligation, including the expenses of foreclosure.
- 2. A fixed bid of a person who is not attending the auction may be submitted in writing and must be received at least 24 hours before the scheduled time of the auction by the person designated to provide information about the property in the advertisement of the sale. The bid must be accompanied by a deposit satisfying the requirements of s. 702.2209. The bid must be read aloud by the person conducting the auction before the

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1045 auction is opened to oral bids.

- 3. Sale must be made to the person bidding the highest amount who complies with this section.
- 4. The auction is completed by the announcement of the person conducting the auction that the property is "sold."

702.2209 Deposit by successful bidder.—Immediately after the sale is complete, the successful bidder, if other than the foreclosing creditor, at an auction must pay a deposit to the person conducting the sale. The deposit must be at least 10 percent of the amount of the bid or such lower amount as the advertisement of sale stated would be accepted. The deposit must be paid in cash, by certified check, or in such other form of payment as was stated to be acceptable in the advertisement of sale or is acceptable to the person conducting the sale.

702.221 Payment of remainder of bid.-

- (1) The successful bidder at an auction must pay the remainder of the bid to the person conducting the sale within 7 days after the date of the auction.
- (2) If payment of the remainder of the bid is not timely made, the foreclosing creditor may cancel the sale and reschedule the auction or may discontinue the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.2214. In either event, the deposit of the successful bidder may be forfeited and distributed in the same manner as the proceeds of a sale, but no other remedy exists against the defaulting bidder.
- 702.2211 Foreclosure amount; distribution of proceeds.—The highest amount bid at a sale is the foreclosure amount. The foreclosure amount must be applied by the foreclosing creditor pursuant to s. 702.251 within 30 days after the time of

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foreclosure. After receiving, but before applying, the proceeds
of sale, the secured creditor may invest the proceeds in a
reasonable manner.

702.2212 Deed to successful bidder.-

- (1) Upon payment by the successful bidder of the full balance of the bid, the foreclosing creditor must:
- (a) Record and deliver a deed, a bill of sale with respect to personal property, if applicable, and such other documents as may be necessary to record the deed, all without warranty of title, conveying the collateral to or as directed by the successful bidder; and
- (b) Execute and record in the public records of each county in which the security instrument being foreclosed was recorded an affidavit that:
- 1. Identifies the security instrument foreclosed, including the book and page number of the official records, or official document number, in which it was recorded, if any.
 - 2. Identifies the debtor.
- 3. Provides a sufficient description of the collateral and identifies the book and page number in the official records, or the official document number, in which the notice of foreclosure was recorded.
- 4. Identifies persons to whom notice of foreclosure was given and the book and page number in the official records, or official document number, in which documents reflecting their interests in the collateral were recorded.
- 5. States which, if any, of the persons identified pursuant to subparagraph 3. were given special notice of foreclosure preserving their interests from termination by the foreclosure.

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21-01523-10 20102270 1103 6. States that the foreclosing creditor has complied with 1104 all provisions of this part for a foreclosure by auction. 1105 7. Identifies the person acquiring title to the collateral 1106 by virtue of the foreclosure and a statement that the title has 1107 passed to that person. 1108 (2) When recorded, the deed and bill of sale, if any, 1109 transfers title to the collateral to or as directed by the 1110 successful bidder as provided in s. 702.252. 702.2213 Discontinuance of foreclosure.-1111 1112 (1) A foreclosing creditor may elect to discontinue 1113 foreclosure at any time before: 1114 (a) The completion of the auction, in the case of a 1115 foreclosure by auction. (b) The time of foreclosure, in the case of a foreclosure 1116 1117 by negotiated sale or by appraisal. 1118 (2) To discontinue foreclosure, the foreclosing creditor 1119 must give a notice to the persons to whom notice of foreclosure 1120 was required to be given under s. 702.213(2) advising them that 1121 the foreclosure has been discontinued and stating whether the 1122 foreclosing creditor will: 1123 (a) Pursue another foreclosure by the same method; 1124 (b) Continue to foreclose by another method under this part 1125 pursuant to a notice of foreclosure previously given; (c) Commence foreclosure by a different method authorized 1126 1127 by this part pursuant to a new notice of foreclosure; 1128 (d) Commence foreclose by judicial proceeding; or 1129 (e) Abandon foreclosure.

section complies with the requirements to give a notice of

(3) If a notice sent by a foreclosing creditor under this

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foreclosure pursuant to ss. 702.213 and 702.214, an additional notice of foreclosure is not necessary to pursue a further foreclosure under this part.

702.231 Foreclosure by negotiated sale.—A secured creditor that elects to foreclose by negotiated sale shall comply with the requirements for negotiated sales in ss. 702.231-702.236, the general provisions regulating nonjudicial foreclosure in ss. 702.201-702.209, procedures required before foreclosure in ss. 702.211-702.219, and rights after foreclosure in ss. 702.251-702.256.

- 702.232 Advertisement and contract of sale.-
- (1) The foreclosing creditor may advertise the collateral for sale to prospective purchasers by whatever methods the foreclosing creditor considers appropriate and may list the collateral for sale with brokers. The foreclosing creditor may enter the real property collateral and post on it a sign containing information about the sale.
- (2) The foreclosing creditor may enter into a conditional contract of sale with a prospective purchaser or with more than one purchaser if the collateral is sold in parcels. The contract must state the gross amount, before expenses of sale, which the purchaser will pay for the collateral. The foreclosing creditor's obligation to sell under the contract is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) That an objection to the foreclosure amount is not made pursuant to s. 702.234.
- 1158 (b) That a redemption of the collateral from the security
 1159 interest is not made before the time of foreclosure.
 - 702.233 Notice of proposed negotiated sale.—If a

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foreclosing creditor enters into a conditional contract of sale
as provided in s. 702.232, the foreclosing creditor must give
notice of the proposed sale at least 30 days before the date of
the proposed sale to the persons specified in s. 702.213. The
notice of proposed sale must state:

- (1) The date on or after which the foreclosing creditor proposes to sell the collateral.
- (2) The foreclosure amount, net of all expenses of foreclosure and sale, which the foreclosing creditor offers to credit against the secured debt and distribute to other persons entitled thereto, which amount may be greater or less than the selling price stated in the contract.
- (3) That, if the sale is completed, title to the collateral will be transferred to the purchaser under the contract as of the time of foreclosure and the stated foreclosure amount will be applied as provided in s. 702.251.
- (4) That the person receiving the notice may inspect a copy of the contract of sale by communicating with the foreclosing creditor or a representative of the creditor whose name, address, and telephone number are given in the notice.
- (5) That, if a debtor or any other party whose interest in the collateral is subordinate in priority to the foreclosing creditor's security interest objects to the sale, the debtor or interestholder may give the foreclosing creditor notice of the objection. If the notice is received by the foreclosing creditor no later than 7 days before the date of the proposed sale, the foreclosing creditor must discontinue the foreclosure by negotiated sale unless the foreclosing creditor elects to preserve that person's interest from termination by the

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1190 foreclosure or discharges the person's interest.

702.234 Completion of sale.

- (1) A foreclosing creditor may complete the sale in accordance with the contract of sale, subsection (2), and ss. 702.235 and 702.236 unless the creditor receives a notice objecting to the proposed foreclosure by negotiated sale at least 7 days before the proposed date of sale from a person who holds an interest in the real property collateral which is subordinate in priority to the foreclosing creditor's security interest.
- (2) Upon compliance by the purchaser with a contract for a negotiated sale, on or after the proposed date of sale, the foreclosing creditor shall deliver to the purchaser or a nominee designated by the purchaser a deed; a bill of sale, if applicable; and other documents that are necessary to consummate the sale or that the parties agreed the foreclosing creditor would supply. The foreclosing creditor shall also execute an affidavit that:
- (a) Identifies the security instrument foreclosed, including the book and page number in the official records, or the official document number, in which it was recorded, if any.
 - (b) Identifies the debtor.
- (c) Sufficiently describes the collateral and identifies the book and page number in the official records, or the official document number, in which the notice of foreclosure was recorded.
- (d) Identifies persons to whom notice of foreclosure was given and the book and page number in the official records, or the official document number, in which any documents reflecting

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1219 their interests in the collateral are recorded, if any.

- (e) States which, if any, of the persons identified pursuant to paragraph (d) were given a special notice of foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.213(5) or were given notice preserving their subordinate interests in the collateral from termination by the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.236.
- (f) Includes a statement that the foreclosing creditor has complied with all of the requirements of this part for a foreclosure by negotiated sale.
- (g) Identifies the person acquiring title to the collateral by virtue of the foreclosure and a statement that title has passed to that person.
- 702.235 Recording affidavit and deed; application of foreclosure amount.—On or after the date of delivery of the deed to the purchaser, the affidavit, deed, and bill of sale, if any, under s. 702.234 must be recorded in the public records of the county or counties where the collateral is located. When those documents are recorded, the deed and bill of sale transfer title to the collateral to the contract purchaser or a nominee designated by the contract purchaser as provided in s. 702.602. The foreclosure amount stated in the notice of proposed negotiated sale pursuant to s. 702.233 must be applied as provided in s. 702.251 within 30 days after the time of foreclosure.
 - 702.236 Notice of objection to sale.-
- (1) If, 7 or more days before the proposed date of a negotiated sale, a foreclosing creditor receives notice of objection to the sale from any person who holds an interest in the real property collateral subordinate in priority to the

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foreclosing creditor's security interest, the foreclosing creditor must:

- (a) Discontinue the foreclosure, in which case the notice of objection has no further effect;
- (b) Give notice, before the time of foreclosure, to the person who made the objection that the person's interest in the collateral will be preserved from termination by the foreclosure. If the foreclosing creditor gives such notice:
- 1. The objection of the person to whom such notice is given may be disregarded by the foreclosing creditor;
 - 2. The foreclosure by negotiated sale may be completed;
- 3. The affidavit recorded pursuant to s. 702.235 must identify that interest in the collateral of the person objecting as not being terminated by the foreclosure; and
- 4. The objecting interestholder is not entitled any of the foreclosure amount; or
- (c) Discharge the interest by tendering a liquidated sum of money or a lesser sum acceptable to the person, if the interest is capable of being discharged for a liquidated sum of money.
- (2) If the foreclosing creditor makes a tender as provided in paragraph (1)(c) and keeps the tender in effect, the person to whom the tender is made must provide the foreclosing creditor with a suitable document in recordable form evidencing that the person's interest has been discharged.
- (3) After expiration of the time for objection to a proposed negotiated sale under s. 702.234(1), a person to whom notice of foreclosure and notice of proposed negotiated sale were sent may not assert that the foreclosure amount was inadequate.

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702.241 Foreclosure by appraisal.—A secured creditor that elects to foreclose by appraisal shall comply with the requirements of ss. 702.241-702.246, the general provisions regulating nonjudicial foreclosure in ss. 702.201-702.209, the procedures required before foreclosure in ss. 702.211-702.219, and rights after foreclosure in ss. 702.251-702.256.

702.242 Appraisal.—

- (1) The foreclosing creditor shall obtain a written appraisal of the collateral. The debtor and other persons in possession of the real property collateral must provide reasonable access to the real property to the appraiser. The appraisal report shall state the appraiser's conclusion as to the fair market value of the collateral as of a date not more than 60 days before the date of foreclosure stated in the notice of foreclosure.
- (2) The appraisal must be made by an independent appraiser certified by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers who is not an employee or affiliate of the foreclosing creditor.
- 702.243 Notice of appraisal.—The foreclosing creditor shall give notice of the appraisal at least 30 days before the proposed date of the foreclosure to the persons who must be given a notice of foreclosure under s. 702.213. The notice of appraisal shall be accompanied by a copy of the appraisal report and shall state:
- (1) The date on which the foreclosing creditor proposes to foreclose by appraisal.
- (2) The foreclosure amount, net of all expenses of foreclosure, which the foreclosing creditor offers to credit against the secured obligation and to distribute to other

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persons entitled thereto, which amount may be greater or less than the appraised value of the collateral.

- (3) That, if the foreclosure by appraisal is completed, title to the collateral will vest in the foreclosing creditor or its nominee as of the time of foreclosure and that the stated foreclosure amount will be applied as provided in s. 702.251.
- (4) That the person receiving the notice may obtain further information concerning the foreclosure and the appraisal by communicating with the foreclosing creditor or the representative of the creditor whose name, address, and telephone number are given in the notice.
- (5) That, if a debtor or interestholder whose interest in the collateral is subordinate in priority to the foreclosing creditor's security interest objects to the foreclosure by appraisal, the debtor or interestholder may give the foreclosing creditor notice of the objection. If the notice is received by the foreclosing creditor no later than 7 days before the date of the proposed sale, the foreclosing creditor must discontinue the foreclosure by appraisal unless the foreclosing creditor elects to preserve that person's interest from termination by the foreclosure or discharges the person's interest.
 - 702.244 Completion of foreclosure by appraisal.-
- (1) A foreclosing creditor may complete the foreclosure as provided in subsection (2) and ss. 702.244 and 702.245 unless the creditor receives a notice objecting to the proposed foreclosure by negotiated sale 7 or more days before the proposed date of sale from a person who holds an interest in the real property collateral which is subordinate in priority to the foreclosing creditor's security interest.

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1335 (2) On or after the proposed date of sale, the foreclosing creditor shall also execute an affidavit that:

- (a) Identifies the security instrument foreclosed, including the book and page number of the official records, or the official document number, in which it was recorded, if any.
 - (b) Identifies the debtor.
- (c) Sufficiently describes the collateral and identifies
 the book and page number of the official records, or the
 official document number, in which the notice of foreclosure was
 recorded.
- (d) Identifies the persons to whom a notice of foreclosure was given and the book and page number of the official records, or the official document number, in which any documents reflecting their interests in the collateral are recorded, if any.
- (e) States which, if any, of the persons identified pursuant to paragraph (d) were given a special notice of foreclosure under s. 703.213 or a notice preserving their interests from termination by the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.246.
- (f) States that the foreclosing creditor has complied with all the requirements of this part for a foreclosure by appraisal.
- (g) Identifies the person acquiring title to the collateral by virtue of the foreclosure and a statement that title has passed to that person.
- 702.245 Recording of affidavit; time of foreclosure.—On or after the proposed date of foreclosure, the affidavit required under s. 702.244 must be recorded in the public records of the

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county or counties in which the collateral is located. When recorded, the affidavit transfers title to the collateral to the foreclosing creditor or its nominee, as provided in s. 702.252.

The foreclosure amount stated in the notice of appraisal

pursuant to s. 702.243 must be applied as provided in s. 702.251 within 30 days after the time of foreclosure.

702.246 Notice of objection to foreclosure.

- (1) If, 7 or more days before the proposed date of a foreclosure by appraisal, a foreclosing creditor receives notice of objection to the foreclosure from any person who holds an interest in the real property collateral which is subordinate in priority to the foreclosing creditor's security interest, the foreclosing creditor must:
- (a) Discontinue the foreclosure pursuant to s. 702.2213, in which case the notice of objection has no further effect;
- (b) Give notice, before the time of foreclosure, to the person who made the objection that the person's interest in the collateral will be preserved from termination by the foreclosure. If the foreclosing creditor gives such notice:
- 1. The objection of the person to whom such notice is given may be disregarded by the foreclosing creditor;
 - 2. The foreclosure by appraisal may be completed;
- 3. The affidavit recorded under s. 702.245 must identify that interest in the collateral of the person objecting is not being terminated by the foreclosure;
- 4. The person objecting to the foreclosure is not entitled to any of the foreclosure amount; or
- (c) Discharge the interest by tendering a liquidated sum of money or a lesser sum acceptable to the person, if the interest

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is capable of being discharged for a liquidated sum of money.

- (2) If the foreclosing creditor makes a tender as provided in paragraph (1)(c) and keeps the tender in effect, the person to whom the tender is made must provide the foreclosing creditor with a suitable document in recordable form evidencing that the person's interest has been discharged.
- (3) After expiration of the time to object to a foreclosure by appraisal under s. 702.244, a person to whom notice of foreclosure under s. 702.213 and notice of appraisal under s. 702.243 were sent may not assert that the foreclosure amount was inadequate.
 - 702.251 Application of proceeds of foreclosure.
- (1) The foreclosing creditor shall apply the proceeds of foreclosure and any investment earnings on the proceeds in the following order:
- (a) To pay or reimburse the expenses of foreclosure in the case of a foreclosure by auction;
- (b) To pay the obligation secured by the foreclosed security instrument;
- (c) To pay, in the order of priority, the amounts of all liens and other interests of record terminated by the foreclosure; and
- (2) If the foreclosing creditor, in applying the proceeds of the sale, acts in good faith and without actual knowledge of the invalidity or lack of priority of the claim of a person to whom distribution is made, the foreclosing creditor is not liable for an erroneous distribution. The foreclosing creditor

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may maintain an action in the nature of interpleader, in a court of competent jurisdiction sitting in a county in which some part of the real estate collateral is located, for an order directing the order of distribution of the proceeds of the sale.

nder this part transfers the debtor's title to the collateral to the successful bidder, pursuant to a foreclosure by auction; the contract purchaser, in a foreclosure by negotiated sale; or the foreclosing creditor, in a foreclosure by appraisal. The transfer is subject only to interests in the collateral having priority over the security interest foreclosed, the interests of persons entitled to notice of default under s. 702.212(3) who were not given notice of the foreclosure, and interests that were preserved from foreclosure by a notice that their interests would be preserved. The interests of all other persons in the collateral are terminated.

- 702.253 Action for damages or to set aside foreclosure.-
- (1) Subject to subsection (3), after the time of foreclosure, an aggrieved person may commence a proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking the following relief:
- (a) Damages against a foreclosing creditor for any violation of this part or law or principle of equity in the conduct of the foreclosure.
- (b) That the foreclosure be set aside to correct a violation of this part or to satisfy a law or principle of equity.
- (2) Recording of the deed and affidavit pursuant to s. 702.2212, the deed and affidavit pursuant to s. 702.235, or the affidavit pursuant to s. 702.245 conclusively establishes

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compliance with all applicable notice and procedural
requirements of this part in favor of good faith purchasers for
value of the collateral. If the title derived from foreclosure
is not held by a good faith purchaser for value, a person
attacking the foreclosure on grounds of noncompliance with the
notice or procedural requirements of this part has the burden of
production and persuasion.

- (3) An action may not be commenced:
- (a) For damages for violation of this part more than 3 years after the time of foreclosure.
- (b) For an order to set aside a foreclosure conducted under this part more than 1 year after the time of foreclosure.
- 702.254 Possession after foreclosure.—A person that acquires an interest in real property by foreclosure under this part may obtain a writ of possession from the clerk of court of the county in which any part of the collateral is located, or commence an action for ejectment under chapter 66 or for unlawful detainer under chapter 82, to gain possession of the real property against any person whose interest in the real property was terminated by the foreclosure.
 - 702.255 Judgment for deficiency.
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), after the time of foreclosure the foreclosing creditor and any other person whose security interest in the collateral was terminated by a foreclosure under this part is entitled to a money judgment against any person liable for a deficiency.
- (2) A debtor is not liable to a foreclosing creditor for a deficiency after a foreclosure under this part if:
 - (a) The foreclosing creditor waived the right to a

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(b) The debtor is a residential debtor and the secured obligation was a purchase-money debt, unless the debtor is found by the court not to have acted in good faith. This paragraph does not apply if the purchase-money debt has been refinanced or modified pursuant to prior mediation or negotiation with the foreclosing creditor or its predecessor in interest.

- (3) For purposes of this section, a residential debtor acted in good faith if the debtor:
- (a) Peaceably vacated the real estate collateral and relinquished any personal property collateral within 10 days after the time of foreclosure and the giving of a notice demanding possession by the person entitled to possession by virtue of the foreclosure;
- (b) Did not commit significant affirmative waste upon the collateral and leave such waste uncured at the time possession was relinquished to the person entitled to possession by virtue of the foreclosure;
- (c) Did not significantly contaminate the collateral with hazardous materials and leave the contamination uncured at the time possession was relinquished to the person entitled to possession by virtue of the foreclosure;
 - (d) Did not commit fraud against the foreclosing creditor;
- (e) Did not engage in criminal activity on the secured real estate collateral which significantly reduced its value at the time possession was relinquished to the person entitled to possession by virtue of the foreclosure;
- (f) Did not permit significant uncured damage to be done to the collateral by other persons or natural causes as a result of

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the debtor's failure to take reasonable precautions against the damage; and

- (g) Provided reasonable access to the collateral for inspection by the foreclosing creditor and prospective purchasers after the initial notice of foreclosure was sent.
- (4) The burden of proof as to the absence of good faith on the part of a residential debtor is on the person seeking a deficiency judgment against the debtor. The absence of good faith by one residential debtor does not make any other residential debtor liable for a deficiency.
- (5) If liability of a residential debtor for a deficiency is barred by paragraph (2)(b), liability of a guarantor of the residential debtor's obligation is also barred.
- (6) This section does not prohibit recovery of a deficiency by a person other than the foreclosing creditor.
 - 702.256 Determining amount of deficiency.-
- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the deficiency to which a foreclosing creditor is entitled after a foreclosure under this part is the balance remaining, if any, after subtracting the foreclosure amount as determined under s. 702.2211, s. 702.233, or s. 702.243 from the balance owing on the secured obligation, including principal, interest, legally recoverable fees and charges, and, in the case of a foreclosure by auction, the expenses of foreclosure.
- (2) In an action for a deficiency brought by the foreclosing creditor following a foreclosure by auction, a person against whom the action is filed may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a determination of the fair market value of the collateral at the time of foreclosure. After a

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hearing at which all interested parties may present evidence of fair market value, the court shall determine the fair market value of the collateral as of the time of foreclosure. The determination must be made by the court without a jury. If the court determines that 90 percent of the fair market value of the collateral was greater than the bid accepted at the foreclosure sale, 90 percent of the fair market value must be substituted for the foreclosure amount in making the calculations required by subsection (1) with respect to all parties against whom a judgment for a deficiency is entered.

702.261 Uniformity of application and construction.—In applying and construing this part, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact substantially similar nonjudicial foreclosure acts.

National Commerce Act.—This part modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 7001 et seq., except that nothing in this part modifies, limits, or supersedes s. 7001(c) of that act or authorizes electronic delivery of any of the notices described in s. 7003(b) of that act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.