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2	An act relating to judgments; creating s. 56.0101,
3	F.S.; providing definitions for purposes of ch. 56,
4	F.S.; amending s. 56.011, F.S.; revising terminology;
5	amending s. 56.021, F.S.; providing that an execution
6	is valid and effective during the life of the order on
7	which it is issued; amending ss. 56.041, 56.071,
8	56.09, 56.10, 56.12, and 56.15, F.S.; revising
9	terminology; amending s. 56.16, F.S.; specifying that
10	persons to whom a Notice to Appear has been issued may
11	obtain possession of property levied on by complying
12	with certain procedures; revising terminology;
13	amending s. 56.18, F.S.; specifying that a jury, if
14	not waived, should be empaneled as soon as possible
15	after service of a Notice to Appear; revising
16	terminology; amending ss. 56.19, 56.20, 56.22, 56.26,
17	56.27, and 56.28, F.S.; revising terminology; amending
18	s. 56.29, F.S.; revising terminology; providing for
19	the issuance of a Notice to Appear; providing
20	requirements for such a notice; providing for service;
21	providing for requirements for a responding affidavit;
22	deleting provisions relating to examinations
23	concerning property; providing for fraudulent transfer
24	claims; creating s. 56.30, F.S.; providing for
25	discovery in proceedings supplementary; providing an
26	effective date.
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30	Section 1. Section 56.0101, Florida Statutes, is created to
31	read:
32	56.0101 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter, the term:
33	(1) "Claimant" means any person other than the judgment
34	debtor who claims any property levied on.
35	(2) "Corporate judgment debtor" means a judgment debtor
36	other than an individual, an estate, or a trust that is not a
37	business trust.
38	(3) "Judgment creditor" means the holder of an unsatisfied
39	judgment, order, or decree for the payment of money, including a
40	transferee or a surety having the right to control and collect
41	the judgment under s. 55.13.
42	(4) "Judgment debtor" means each person who is liable on a
43	judgment, an order, or a decree subject to execution under this
44	chapter.
45	(5) "Levying creditor" means the levying judgment creditor.
46	(6) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
47	association, organization, government or governmental
48	subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, or any
49	other legal or commercial entity.
50	(7) "Relative" means an individual related by consanguinity
51	within the third degree as determined by the common law, a
52	spouse, or an individual related to a spouse within the third
53	degree as determined by the common law, and includes an
54	individual in an adoptive relationship within the third degree.
55	Section 2. Section 56.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to
56	read:
57	56.011 Executions; capias ad satisfaciendum abolished.—In
58	no case shall A capias ad satisfaciendum <u>may not</u> be issued upon

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20161042er 59 a judgment, nor may shall the body of any person defendant be subject to arrest or confinement for the payment of money, 60 61 except it be for fines imposed by lawful authority. 62 Section 3. Section 56.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to 63 read: 64 56.021 Executions; issuance and return, alias, etc.-When 65 issued, an execution is valid and effective during the life of 66 the judgment, order, or decree on which it is issued. When fully 67 paid, the officer executing it shall make his or her return and 68 file it in the court which issued the execution. If the execution is lost or destroyed, the party entitled thereto may 69 70 have an alias, pluries or other copies on making proof of such 71 loss or destruction by affidavit and filing it in the court 72 issuing the execution. Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 56.041, Florida 73 74 Statutes, is amended to read: 75 56.041 Executions; collection and return.-(1) All executions shall be returnable when satisfied, and 76 77 the officers to whom they are delivered shall collect the 78 amounts thereof as soon as possible and shall furnish the 79 judgment debtor defendant with a satisfaction of judgment. All 80 receipts shall be endorsed on the execution. 81 Section 5. Section 56.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to 82 read: 83 56.071 Executions on equities of redemption; discovery of value.-On motion made by the person party causing a levy to be 84 85 made on an equity of redemption, the court from which the 86 execution issued shall order the mortgagor, mortgagee, and all 87 other persons interested in the mortgaged property levied on to

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88 appear and be examined about the amount remaining due on the 89 mortgage, the amount that has been paid, the person party to 90 whom that amount has been paid, and the date when that amount 91 was paid so that the value of the equity of redemption may be ascertained before the property is sold. The court may appoint a 92 93 general or special magistrate to conduct the examination. This 94 section shall also apply to the interest of and personal 95 property in possession of a vendee under a retained title 96 contract or conditional sales contract.

97 Section 6. Section 56.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to 98 read:

99 56.09 Executions against <u>corporate judgment debtors</u> 100 corporations; generally.—On any judgment against a <u>corporate</u> 101 <u>judgment debtor</u>, the judgment creditor corporation plaintiff may 102 have an execution levied on the current money as well as on the 103 goods and chattels, lands and tenements of <u>the corporate</u> 104 judgment debtor said corporation.

105 Section 7. Section 56.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to 106 read:

107 56.10 Executions against corporate judgment debtors 108 corporations; receivership.-If an execution cannot be satisfied 109 in whole or in part for lack of property of the corporate 110 judgment debtor defendant corporation subject to levy and sale, 111 on motion of the judgment creditor the circuit court in chancery 112 within whose circuit such corporate judgment debtor corporation is or has been doing business, or in which any of its effects 113 114 are found, may sequestrate the property, things in action, goods 115 and chattels of the corporate judgment debtor corporation for the purpose of enforcing the judgment, and may appoint a 116

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117 receiver for the <u>corporate judgment debtor</u> corporation. A 118 receiver so appointed is subject to the rules prescribed by law 119 for receivers of the property of other judgment debtors. His or 120 her power shall extend throughout the state.

121 Section 8. Section 56.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to 122 read:

56.12 Executions; levy, forthcoming bond.-If a judgment 123 124 debtor defendant in execution wants to retake possession of any 125 property levied on, the judgment debtor he or she may do so by 126 executing a bond with surety to be approved by the officer in favor of the judgment creditor plaintiff in a sum double the 127 128 value of the property retaken as fixed by the officer holding the execution and conditioned that the property will be 129 forthcoming on the day of sale stated in the bond. 130

131 Section 9. Section 56.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to 132 read:

56.15 Executions; stay of illegal writs.-If any execution 133 issues illegally, the judgment debtor defendant in execution may 134 135 obtain a stay by making and delivering an affidavit to the 136 officer having the execution, stating the illegality and whether any part of the execution is due, with a bond with surety 137 payable to the judgment creditor plaintiff in double the amount 138 139 of the execution or the part of which a stay is sought 140 conditioned to pay the execution or part claimed to be illegal 141 and any damages for delay if the affidavit is not well founded. 142 On receipt of such affidavit and bond the officer shall stay 143 proceedings on the execution and return the bond and affidavit to the court from which the execution issued. The court shall 144 145 pass on the question of illegality as soon as possible. If the

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20161042er 146 execution is adjudged illegal in any part, the court shall stay it as to the part but if it is adjudged legal in whole or in 147 148 part, the court shall enter judgment against the principal and surety on such bond for the amount of so much of the execution 149 150 as is adjudged to be legal and execution shall issue thereon. Section 10. Section 56.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to 151 152 read: 153 56.16 Executions; claims of third parties to property 154 levied on.-If any person, including a person to whom a Notice to 155 Appear has been issued pursuant to s. 56.29(2), other than the 156 judgment debtor defendant in execution claims any property 157 levied on, he or she may obtain possession of the property by filing with the officer having the execution an affidavit by the 158 159 claimant, or the claimant's himself or herself, his or her agent 160 or attorney, that the property claimed belongs to the claimant 161 him or her and by furnishing the officer a bond with surety to 162 be approved by the officer in favor of the judgment creditor plaintiff in double the value of the goods claimed as the value 163 164 is fixed by the officer and conditioned to deliver said property 165 on demand of said officer if it is adjudged to be the property 166 of the judgment debtor defendant in execution and to pay the 167 judgment creditor plaintiff all damages found against the 168 claimant him or her if it appears that the claim was interposed 169 for the purpose of delay.

170 Section 11. Section 56.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to 171 read:

56.18 Executions; trial of claims of third persons.—As soon as possible after the return, or after service of a Notice to Appear pursuant to s. 56.29(2), a jury, if not waived, shall be

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175 impaneled to try the right of property. If the verdict is in 176 favor of the judgment creditor plaintiff and it appears that the 177 claim brought pursuant to s. 56.16 was interposed for delay, the judgment creditor plaintiff may be awarded reasonable damages, 178 179 not exceeding 20 percent of the value of the property claimed. 180 If the claimant denies in writing under oath filed at least 3 181 days before the trial, the correctness of the appraisement of 182 the value of the property by the officer levying the execution, 183 and the verdict is in favor of the judgment creditor plaintiff, 184 the jury if not waived, shall fix the value of each item thereof, or of the items covered by such denial. 185

186 Section 12. Section 56.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to 187 read:

56.19 Judgments upon claims of third persons.-Upon the 188 189 verdict of the jury, the court shall enter judgment deciding the 190 right of property, and if the verdict is for the judgment 191 creditor plaintiff, awarding a recovery by the judgment creditor 192 plaintiff from the claimant defendant and the claimant's his or 193 her sureties, of the value (as fixed by the officer, or as fixed 194 by the jury if fixed by it) of such parts of the property as the jury may have found subject to execution that were delivered to 195 196 the claimant, and awarding separately such damages as the jury 197 may be have awarded under s. 56.18, and of all costs attending 198 the presentation and trial of the claim.

199 Section 13. Section 56.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to 200 read:

201 56.20 Executions on judgments against third person 202 claimants.—If the execution issued on the judgment is not paid, 203 it shall be satisfied in the usual manner unless on demand of

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204 the officer holding it, the principal and surety in the claim 205 bond deliver the property released under the claim bond to the 206 officer and pay him or her the damages and costs awarded to the 207 judgment creditor plaintiff. If the property is returned to the 208 officer but damages and costs are not paid, execution shall be 209 enforced for the damages and costs. If part of the property is 210 returned to the officer, the execution shall be enforced for the 211 value, fixed as aforesaid, of that not returned. All property 212 returned shall be sold under the original execution against the 213 judgment debtor original defendant.

214 Section 14. Section 56.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to 215 read:

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56.22 Execution sales; time, date, and place of sale.-

217 (1) All sales of property under legal process shall take 218 place at the time, date, and place advertised in the notice of 219 the sheriff's sale on any day of the week except Saturday and 220 Sunday and shall continue from day to day until such property is 221 disposed of.

222 (2) Property not effectively disposed of at the initial 223 sheriff's sale may be readvertised, as provided in s. 56.21, 224 upon receipt of an additional deposit to cover costs incurred in 225 connection with the maintenance of the property under legal 226 process. If In the event no additional deposit is received by 227 the sheriff, the property may be returned to the judgment debtor 228 defendant; if the judgment debtor defendant refuses to accept 229 such property, the property may be returned to a third party, 230 such as a lienholder, upon presentation of a proper court order 231 directing such return. If the property cannot be returned as 232 described in this subsection none of the above can be

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233 accomplished, such property shall be disposed of as unclaimed or 234 abandoned.

235 Section 15. Section 56.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to 236 read:

237 56.26 Executions; mandamus to force levy and sale.-When an officer holds an unsatisfied execution and refuses to levy on 238 239 property liable thereunder and on which it is his or her duty to levy or having levied, refuses to advertise and sell the 240 241 property levied on, the judgment creditor plaintiff in execution 242 is entitled to an alternative writ of mandamus requiring the 243 officer to levy such execution or advertise and sell the property levied on, or both, as the case may be. 244

Section 16. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection
(4) of section 56.27, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
56.27 Executions; payment of money collected.-

248 (1) All money received under executions shall be paid, in 249 the order prescribed, to the following: the sheriff, for costs; 250 the levying creditor in the amount of \$500 as liquidated 251 expenses; and the priority lienholder under s. 55.10(1) and (2), 252 s. 55.202, s. 55.204(3), or s. 55.208(2), as set forth in an 253 affidavit required by subsection (4), or the levying creditor's his or her attorney, in satisfaction of the judgment lien, if 254 255 the judgment lien has not lapsed at the time of the levy. The 256 receipt of the attorney shall be a release of the officer paying 257 the money to him or her. If the name of more than one attorney appears in the court file, the money shall be paid to the 258 259 attorney who originally commenced the action or who made the 260 original defense unless the file shows that another attorney has 261 been substituted.

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20161042er 262 (4) Before the date of the first publication or posting of 263 the notice of sale provided for under s. 56.21, at the time of 264 the levy request to the sheriff, the levying creditor shall 265 deliver to the sheriff an affidavit setting forth all of the 266 following as to the judgment debtor: 267 (a) For a personal property levy, an attestation by the 268 levying creditor or the levying creditor's attorney of record 269 that he or she has reviewed the database or judgment lien 270 records established in accordance with ss. 55.201-55.209 and that the information contained in the affidavit based on that 271 272 review is true and correct. For a real property levy in 273 accordance with s. 55.10(1) and (2), an attestation by the levying creditor or the levying creditor's his or her attorney 274 of record that he or she has reviewed the records of the clerk 275 276 of the court of the county where the property is situated, or 277 that he or she has performed or reviewed a title search, and 278 that the information contained in the affidavit, including a disclosure of all judgment liens, mortgages, financing 279 280 statements, tax warrants, and other liens against the real 281 property, based on that review or title search is true and 282 correct.

283 Section 17. Section 56.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to 284 read:

56.28 Executions; failure of officer to pay over moneys collected.—If any officer collecting money under execution fails or refuses to pay it over within 30 days after it has been received by him or her, or within 10 days after demand by the <u>levying creditor or the levying creditor's</u> plaintiff or his or <u>her</u> attorney of record made in writing and delivered during

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20161042er 291 regular business hours to the civil process bureau, the officer 292 is liable to pay the same and 20 percent damages, to be 293 recovered by motion in court. 294 Section 18. Section 56.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to 295 read: 296 56.29 Proceedings supplementary.-297 (1) When any judgment creditor person or entity holds an unsatisfied judgment or judgment lien obtained under chapter 55, 298 299 the judgment creditor holder or judgment lienholder may file a motion and an affidavit so stating, identifying, if applicable, 300 301 the issuing court, the case number, and the unsatisfied amount of the judgment or judgment lien, including accrued costs and 302 303 interest, and stating that the execution is valid and 304 outstanding, and thereupon the judgment creditor holder or 305 judgment lienholder is entitled to these proceedings 306 supplementary to execution. 307 (2) The judgment creditor shall, in the motion described in 308 subsection (1) or in a supplemental affidavit, describe any 309 property of the judgment debtor not exempt from execution in the 310 hands of any person or any property, debt, or other obligation 311 due to the judgment debtor which may be applied toward the 312 satisfaction of the judgment. Upon filing of the motion and 313 affidavits that property of the judgment debtor, or any debt, or 314 other obligation due to the judgment debtor in the custody or 315 control of any other person may be applied to satisfy the 316 judgment, then the court shall issue a Notice to Appear. The 317 Notice to Appear shall direct such person to file an affidavit, 318 as provided in s. 56.16, with the court by a date certain, which 319 date shall not be less than 7 business days from the date of

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20161042er 320 service of the Notice to Appear, stating why the property, debt, 321 or other obligation should not be applied to satisfy the 322 judgment. For good cause shown, the court may shorten the time 323 for serving an affidavit. The Notice to Appear must describe 324 with reasonable particularity the property, debt, or other 325 obligation that may be available to satisfy the judgment, must 326 provide such person with the opportunity to present defenses, 327 and must indicate that discovery as provided under the rules of civil procedure is available and that there is a right to a jury 328 329 trial as provided in s. 56.18. The Notice to Appear must be served as provided for in chapter 48. A responding affidavit 330 331 must raise any fact or defense opposing application of the 332 property described in the Notice to Appear to satisfy the 333 judgment, including legal defenses, such as lack of personal jurisdiction. Legal defenses need not be filed under oath but 334 335 must be served contemporaneously with the affidavit On such 336 plaintiff's motion the court shall require the defendant in 337 execution to appear before it or a general or special magistrate 338 at a time and place specified by the order in the county of the defendant's residence to be examined concerning his or her 339 340 property. (3) The order shall be served in a reasonable time before 341

341 (3) The order shall be served in a reasonable time before 342 the date of the examination in the manner provided for service 343 of summons or may be served on such defendant or his or her 344 attorney as provided for service of papers in the rules of civil 345 procedure.

346 (4) Testimony shall be under oath, shall be comprehensive 347 and cover all matters and things pertaining to the business and 348 financial interests of defendant which may tend to show what

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349 property he or she has and its location. Any testimony tending 350 directly or indirectly to aid in satisfying the execution is 351 admissible. A corporation must attend and answer by an officer 352 who may be specified in the order. Examination of witnesses 353 shall be as at trial and any party may call other witnesses. 354 (5) The court may order any property of the judgment 355 debtor, not exempt from execution, in the hands of any person, 356 or any property, debt, or other obligation due to the judgment 357 debtor, to be applied toward the satisfaction of the judgment 358 debt. The court may entertain claims concerning the judgment 359 debtor's assets brought under chapter 726 and enter any order or judgment, including a money judgment against any initial or 360 361 subsequent transferee, in connection therewith, irrespective of 362 whether the transferee has retained the property. Claims under chapter 726 are subject to the provisions of chapter 726 and 363 364 applicable rules of civil procedure. 365 (3) (6) (a) When, within 1 year before the service of process 366 on the judgment debtor in the original proceeding or action him 367 or her, the judgment debtor defendant has had title to, or paid

the purchase price of, any personal property to which the judgment debtor's defendant's spouse, any relative, or any person on confidential terms with the judgment debtor defendant claims title and right of possession at the time of examination, the judgment debtor defendant has the burden of proof to establish that such transfer or gift from him or her was not made to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors.

(b) When any gift, transfer, assignment or other conveyance
of personal property has been made or contrived by the judgment
debtor to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors, the court shall

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378 order the gift, transfer, assignment or other conveyance to be 379 void and direct the sheriff to take the property to satisfy the 380 execution. This does not authorize seizure of property exempted 381 from levy and sale under execution or property which has passed 382 to a bona fide purchaser for value and without notice. Any 383 person aggrieved by the levy <u>or Notice to Appear</u> may proceed 384 under ss. 56.16-56.20.

385 <u>(4) (7)</u> At any time the court may refer the proceeding to a 386 general or special magistrate who may be directed to report 387 findings of law or fact, or both. The general or special 388 magistrate has all the powers thereof, including the power to 389 issue subpoena, and shall be paid the fees provided by <u>the court</u> 390 law.

391 (5) (8) A party or a witness examined under these provisions 392 is not excused from answering a question on the ground that the 393 answer will tend to show him or her guilty of the commission of 394 a fraud, or prove that he or she has been a party or privy to, 395 or knowing of a conveyance, assignment, transfer, or other 396 disposition of property for any purpose, or that the party or 397 witness or another person claims to have title as against the 398 judgment debtor defendant or to hold property derived from or 399 through the judgment debtor defendant, or to be discharged from 400 the payment of a debt which was due to the judgment debtor 401 defendant or to a person on in his or her behalf of the judgment 402 debtor. An answer cannot be used as evidence against the person 403 so answering in any criminal proceeding.

404 (6) (9) The court may order any property of the judgment
 405 debtor, not exempt from execution, or any property, debt, or
 406 other obligation due to the judgment debtor, in the hands of or

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20161042er 407 under the control of any person subject to the Notice to Appear, 408 to be levied upon and applied toward the satisfaction of the 409 judgment debt. The court may enter any orders, judgments, or 410 writs required to carry out the purpose of this section, 411 including those orders necessary or proper to subject property 412 or property rights of any judgment debtor to execution, and 413 including entry of money judgments as provided in ss. 56.16-56.19 against any person to whom a Notice to Appear has been 414 415 directed and over whom the court obtained personal jurisdiction 416 impleaded defendant irrespective of whether such person 417 defendant has retained the property, subject to ss. 56.18 and 418 56.19 and applicable principles of equity, and in accordance with chapters 76 and 77 and all applicable rules of civil 419 420 procedure. Sections 56.16-56.20 apply to any order issued under 421 this subsection.

422 <u>(7)(10)</u> Any person failing to obey any order issued under 423 this section by a judge or general or special magistrate or 424 failing to attend in response to a subpoena served on him or her 425 may be held in contempt.

426 <u>(8)(11)</u> Costs for proceedings supplementary shall be taxed 427 against the judgment debtor defendant as well as all other 428 incidental costs determined to be reasonable and just by the 429 court including, but not limited to, docketing the execution, 430 sheriff's service fees, and court reporter's fees. Reasonable 431 <u>attorney attorney's</u> fees may be taxed against the judgment 432 debtor defendant.

433 (9) The court may entertain claims concerning the judgment
 434 debtor's assets brought under chapter 726 and enter any order or
 435 judgment, including a money judgment against any initial or

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436	subsequent transferee, in connection therewith, irrespective of
437	whether the transferee has retained the property. Claims under
438	chapter 726 brought under this section shall be initiated by a
439	supplemental complaint and served as provided by the rules of
440	civil procedure, and the claims under the supplemental complaint
441	are subject to chapter 726 and the rules of civil procedure. The
442	clerk of the court shall docket a supplemental proceeding under
443	the same case number assigned to the original complaint filed by
444	the judgment creditor or the case number assigned to a judgment
445	domesticated pursuant to s. 55.01, shall assign a separate
446	supplemental proceeding number, and shall assign such
447	supplemental proceeding to the same division and judge assigned
448	to the main case or domesticated judgment.
449	Section 19. Section 56.30, Florida Statutes, is created to
450	read:
451	56.30 Discovery in proceedings supplementary
452	(1) In addition to any other discovery permitted under the
453	rules of civil procedure, on the judgment creditor's motion the
454	court shall require the judgment debtor to appear before it or a
455	general or special magistrate at a time and place specified by
456	the order in the county of the judgment debtor's residence or
457	principal place of business to be examined concerning property
458	subject to execution. This examination may occur before issuance
459	of a Notice to Appear.
460	(2) The order shall be served in a reasonable time before
461	the date of the examination in the manner provided for service
462	of summons or may be served on the judgment debtor or the
463	judgment debtor's attorney of record as provided for service of
464	papers in the rules of civil procedure.

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465	(3) Testimony shall be under oath, shall be comprehensive,
466	and cover all matters and things pertaining to the business and
467	financial interests of the judgment debtor which may tend to
468	show what property the judgment debtor has and its location. Any
469	testimony tending directly or indirectly to aid in satisfying
470	the execution is admissible. A corporate judgment debtor must
471	attend and answer by a designee with knowledge or an identified
472	officer or manager who may be specified in the order.
473	Examination of witnesses shall be as at trial and any party may
474	call other witnesses to be examined concerning property that may
475	be subject to execution.
476	Section 20. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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