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LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 02/18/2025

The Committee on Judiciary (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Between lines 311 and 312

4 insert:

> Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 82.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 82.036 Limited alternative remedy to remove unauthorized persons from residential real property.-
- (3) To request the immediate removal of an unlawful occupant of a residential dwelling, the property owner or his or



her authorized agent must submit a complaint by presenting a completed and verified Complaint to Remove Persons Unlawfully Occupying Residential Real Property to the sheriff of the county in which the real property is located. The submitted complaint must be in substantially the following form:

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COMPLAINT TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

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- I, the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the real property located at, declare under the penalty of perjury that (initial each box):
- 1. I am the owner of the real property or the authorized agent of the owner of the real property.
 - 2. I purchased the property on
 - The real property is a residential dwelling.
- An unauthorized person or persons have unlawfully entered and are remaining or residing unlawfully on the real property.
- 5. The real property was not open to members of the public at the time the unauthorized person or persons entered.
- 6. I have directed the unauthorized person or persons to leave the real property, but they have not done so.
- 7. The person or persons are not current or former tenants pursuant to any valid lease authorized by the property owner, and any lease that may be produced by an occupant is fraudulent.
- 8. The unauthorized person or persons sought to be removed are not an owner or a co-owner of the property and have



not been listed on the title to the property unless the person or persons have engaged in title fraud.

- 9. The unauthorized person or persons are not immediate family members of the property owner.
- 10. There is no litigation related to the real property pending between the property owner and any person sought to be removed.
- 11. I understand that a person or persons removed from the property pursuant to this procedure may bring a cause of action against me for any false statements made in this complaint, or for wrongfully using this procedure, and that as a result of such action I may be held liable for actual damages, penalties, costs, and reasonable attorney fees.
- 12. I am requesting the sheriff to immediately remove the unauthorized person or persons from the residential property. I authorize the Sheriff to enter the property using reasonably necessary force, search the property, and remove any unauthorized person.
- 13. A copy of my valid government-issued identification is attached, or I am an agent of the property owner, and documents evidencing my authority to act on the property owner's behalf are attached.

I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS PETITION AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525 837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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72	========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==========
73	And the title is amended as follows:
74	Delete line 36
75	and insert:
76	references thereto; amending s. 82.036; specifying a
77	requirement for the complaint to remove an
78	unauthorized person from residential property;
79	correcting a cross-reference in the complaint;
80	providing an effective date.