

# **HOUSE BILL No. 1212**

DIGEST OF HB 1212 (Updated January 22, 2019 2:31 pm - DI 101)

Citations Affected: IC 32-29; IC 32-30; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Notice of sheriff's sale of foreclosed property. Amends the statute concerning the procedures for a sheriff's sale of real property subject to a mortgage foreclosure judgment to provide that before selling the property, the sheriff must advertise the sale by arranging for the posting of a notice of the sale on the Internet web site maintained by: (1) each county in which the real estate is located; or (2) the office of the sheriff; at the discretion of the sheriff. (Current law requires the sheriff to advertise the sale by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the property is located.) Specifies that existing law governing an error or omission in a legal notice published in a newspaper also applies to a sheriff's sale notice posted on an Internet web site. Provides that if: (1) a county in which the real estate is located does not maintain an Internet web site; and (2) the office of the sheriff does not maintain an Internet web site; the sheriff shall advertise the sale by publication in the county. Provides that in a case in which: (1) the sheriff must publish a sheriff's sale notice in a (Continued next page)

Effective: July 1, 2019.

### McNamara, Mahan, Pressel

January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Financial Institutions. January 24, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.



### Digest Continued

newspaper; and (2) the sheriff is unable to procure such publication; the sheriff shall execute a written statement explaining why publication was not possible. (Current law does not specify that the sheriff's statement must be in writing.) Provides that the sheriff shall: (1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of the written statement for a period of not less than three years from the date of execution of the statement; and (2) make the statement available to the public upon request. Provides that a sheriff who posts a sheriff's sale notice on a county's or the sheriff's Internet web site shall: (1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of the posted notice of sale for a period of not less than three years from the date on which the notice is removed from the Internet web site after the occurrence of an event specified under the bill; and (2) make the record available to the public upon request. Makes conforming amendments.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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# **HOUSE BILL No. 1212**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 32-29-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.247-2015,
2	SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) In a proceeding for the foreclosure of a
4	mortgage executed on real estate, process may not issue for the
5	execution of a judgment or decree of sale for a period of three (3)
6	months after the filing of a complaint in the proceeding. However:
7	(1) the period is:
8	(A) twelve (12) months in a proceeding for the foreclosure of
9	a mortgage executed before January 1, 1958; and
10	(B) six (6) months in a proceeding for the foreclosure of a
11	mortgage executed after December 31, 1957, but before July
12	1, 1975; and
13	(2) if the court finds under IC 32-30-10.6 that the mortgaged real
14	estate has been abandoned, a judgment or decree of sale may be
15	executed on the date the judgment of foreclosure or decree of sale
16	is entered, regardless of the date the mortgage is executed.
17	(b) A judgment and decree in a proceeding to foreclose a mortgage



1	that is entered by a court having jurisdiction may be filed with the clerk
2	in any county as provided in IC 33-32-3-2. After the period set forth in
3	subsection (a) expires, a person who may enforce the judgment and
4	decree may file a praecipe with the clerk in any county where the
5	judgment and decree is filed, and the clerk shall promptly issue and
6	certify to the sheriff of that county a copy of the judgment and decree
7	under the seal of the court. However, if:
8	(1) a praecipe is not filed with the clerk within one hundred eighty
9	(180) days after the later of the dates on which:
10	(A) the period specified in subsection (a) expires; or
11	(B) the judgment and decree is filed; and
12	(2) the sale is not:
13	(A) otherwise prohibited by law;
14	(B) subject to a voluntary statewide foreclosure moratorium;
15	or
16	(C) subject to a written agreement that:
17	(i) provides for a delay in the sale of the mortgaged real
18	estate; and
19	(ii) is executed by and between the owner of the mortgaged
20	real estate and a party entitled to enforce the judgment and
21	decree;
22	an enforcement authority that has issued an abatement order under
23	IC 36-7-36-9 with respect to the mortgaged real estate may file a
24	praecipe with the clerk in any county where the judgment and decree
25	is filed. If an enforcement authority files a praecipe under this
26	subsection, the clerk of the county in which the praecipe is filed shall
27	promptly issue and certify to the sheriff of that county a copy of the
28	judgment and decree under the seal of the court.
29	(c) Upon receiving a certified judgment under subsection (b), the
30	sheriff shall, subject to section 4 of this chapter, sell the mortgaged
31	premises or as much of the mortgaged premises as necessary to satisfy
32	the judgment, interest, and costs at public auction at the office of the
33	sheriff or at another location that is reasonably likely to attract higher
34	competitive bids. The sheriff shall schedule the date and time of the
35	sheriff's sale for:
36	(1) a date not later than:
37	(A) sixty (60) days after the date on which a judgment and
38	decree under IC 32-30-10.6-5; and
39	(B) one hundred twenty (120) days after the date on which a
40	judgment and decree in all other cases;
41	under seal of the court is certified to the sheriff by the clerk; and

(2) a time certain between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any



1	day of the week except Sunday.			
2	(d) Subject to subsections (e), (k), and (l), and notwithstanding			
3	IC 5-3-1, before selling mortgaged property, the sheriff must advertise			
4	the sale by arranging for the posting of a notice of the sale:			
5	(1) on the Internet web site maintained by each county in			
6	which the real estate is located; or			
7	(2) on the Internet web site maintained by the office of the			
8	sheriff;			
9	at the discretion of the sheriff. IC 5-3-1-2.3 concerning an error or			
10	omission in a legal notice published in a newspaper applies to a			
11	notice of sale posted on an Internet web site under this subsection.			
12	(e) Subject to subsection (g), if:			
13	(1) a county in which the real estate is located does not			
14	maintain an Internet web site; and			
15	(2) the office of the sheriff does not maintain an Internet web			
16	site;			
17	the sheriff shall advertise the sale by publication once each week for			
18	three (3) successive weeks in a at least one (1) daily or weekly			
19	newspaper of general circulation in the county. The sheriff shall			
20	publish the advertisement in at least one (1) newspaper published and			
21	circulated in each county where the real estate is situated. The first			
22	publication shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the date of			
23	sale.			
24	(f) At the time of posting the advertisement under subsection (d),			
25	or of placing the first advertisement by publication under subsection			
26	(e), as applicable, the sheriff shall also do the following:			
27	(1) Serve a copy of the written or printed notice of sale upon each			
28	owner of the real estate. Service of the written notice shall be			
29	made as provided in the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure			
30	governing service of process upon a person. The sheriff shall			
31	charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10) to one (1) owner and three dollars			
32	(\$3) to each additional owner for service of written notice under			
33	this subsection. The fee is:			
34	(1) (A) a cost of the proceeding;			
35	(2) (B) to be collected as other costs of the proceeding are			
36	collected; and			
37	(3) (C) to be deposited in the county general fund for			
38	appropriation for operating expenses of the sheriff's			
39	department.			
40	(e) The sheriff also shall (2) Post written or printed notices of the			
41	sale at the door of the courthouse of each county in which the real			



estate is located.

1	(f) (g) If the sheriff is unable to procure the publication of a notice		
2	within the county under subsection (e), the sheriff may dispense with		
3	publication. The sheriff shall state execute a written statement		
4	indicating that the sheriff was not able to procure the publication and		
5	explain explaining the reason why publication was not possible. The		
6	sheriff shall:		
7	(1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of		
8	the written statement required by this subsection for a period		
9	of not less than three (3) years from the date of execution of		
10	the statement; and		
11	(2) make the statement available to the public upon request.		
12	(g) (h) Notices under subsections (d), (e), (f), and (i) must contain		
13	a statement, for informational purposes only, of the location of each		
14	property by street address, if any, or other common description of the		
15	property other than legal description. A misstatement in the		
16	informational statement under this subsection does not invalidate an		
17	otherwise valid sale.		
18	(h) (i) The sheriff may charge an administrative fee of not more than		
19	two hundred dollars (\$200) with respect to a proceeding referred to in		
20	subsection (b) for actual costs directly attributable to the administration		
21	of the sale under subsection (c). The fee is:		
22	(1) payable by the person seeking to enforce the judgment and		
23	decree; and		
24	(2) due at the time of filing of the praecipe;		
25	under subsection (b).		
26	(i) (j) If a sale of mortgaged property scheduled under this section		
27	is canceled, the sheriff shall provide written notice of the cancellation		
28	to each owner of the real estate. Service of the written notice shall be		
29	made as provided in the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure governing		
30	service of process upon a person. The sheriff shall charge a fee of ten		
31	dollars (\$10) for notice to one (1) owner and three dollars (\$3) for		
32	notice to each additional owner for service of written notice under this		
33	subsection. The fee:		
34	(1) is a cost of the proceeding;		
35	(2) shall be collected as other costs of the proceeding are		
36	collected; and		
37	(3) shall be deposited in the county general fund for appropriation		
38	for operating expenses of the sheriff's department.		
39	The fee for service under this subsection shall be paid by the person		



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who caused the sale to be canceled.

Internet web site under subsection (d):

(k) Notice posted on a county's Internet web site or on a sheriff's

1	(1) shall be posted on the Internet web site at least thirty (30)
2	days before the date of the sale; and
3	(2) shall be maintained on the Internet web site until any of
4	the following occurs:
5	(A) Any owner or part owner of the real estate redeems the
6	real estate from the judgment under section 7 of this
7	chapter.
8	(B) The sale is cancelled under subsection (j).
9	(C) If the real estate is sold under subsection (c), a deed of
10	conveyance for the premises is executed and delivered
11	under section 10(a)(1) of this chapter to the purchaser of
12	the real estate.
13	(l) A sheriff who posts a notice of sale on a county's Internet web
14	site or on the sheriff's Internet web site under subsection (d) shall:
15	(1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of
16	the posted notice of sale for a period of not less than three (3)
17	years from the date on which the notice is removed from the
18	Internet web site after the occurrence of an event described in
19	subsection (k)(2); and
20	(2) make the record available to the public upon request.
21	The record required by this subsection must include the date of the
22	initial posting of the notice along with proof that the notice was
23	posted from the initial date through the applicable date described
24	in subsection (k)(2).
25	SECTION 2. IC 32-29-8-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2013,
26	SECTION 80, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27	JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "interested person",
28	with respect to an action to foreclose a mortgage on an interest in real
29	property in Indiana, means:
30	(1) the holder of the evidence of debt secured by the mortgage
31	being foreclosed;
32	(2) a person:
33	(A) who purchases the property at a judicial sale after a
34	judgment and decree of sale is entered in the action; and
35	(B) to whom a deed is executed and delivered by the sheriff
36	under IC 32-29-7-10; or
37	(3) any person claiming by, through, or under a person described
38	in subdivision (1) or (2).
39	(b) As used in this section, "omitted party", with respect to an action
40	to foreclose a mortgage on an interest in real property in Indiana,
41	means a person who:

(1) before the commencement of the action has acquired in the



1	property an interest that:
2	(A) is junior or subordinate to the mortgage being foreclosed;
3	and
4	(B) would otherwise be extinguished by the foreclosure; and
5	(2) is either:
6	(A) not named as a party defendant in the action or, if named
7	as a party defendant, is not served with process; or
8	(B) not served with a notice of sale under <del>IC</del> 32-29-7-3(d)
9	IC 32-29-7-3(f) after a judgment and decree of sale is entered
10	in the action.
11	The term includes any person claiming by, through, or under a person
12	described in this subsection.
13	(c) At any time after a judgment and decree of sale is entered in an
14	action to foreclose a mortgage on an interest in real property in Indiana,
15	an interested person or an omitted party may bring a civil action to:
16	(1) determine the extent of; and
17	(2) terminate;
18	the interest of an omitted party in the property subject to the sale.
19	(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) and subject to subsections
20	(f) and (g), upon the filing of an action described in subsection (c), the
21	court shall determine the extent of the omitted party's interest in the
22	property and issue a decree terminating that interest, subject to the right
23	of the omitted party to redeem the property on terms as the court
24	considers equitable under the circumstances after considering the
25	factors set forth in subsection (f), if the omitted party would have had
26	redemption rights:
27	(1) before the sale under IC 32-29-7-7; or
28	(2) after the sale, as described in IC $34-55-4-8(a)(2)$ .
29	(e) If the omitted party proves that the omitted party has a right to
30	receive proceeds actually paid at the judicial sale, the omitted party's
31	interest in the property is not subject to termination by an action
32	brought under this section unless the proceeds that the omitted party
33	would have received at the judicial sale are paid to the omitted party.
34	(f) In an action brought under this section, if the court determines
35	that the omitted party is entitled to redemption under subsection (d),
36	the court shall consider the following in deciding the terms of the
37	redemption:
38	(1) Whether the omitted party:
39	(A) was given or had actual notice or knowledge of the
40	foreclosure; and
41	(B) had opportunity to intervene in the foreclosure action or
42	otherwise exercise any right to redeem the property.



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1	(2) Whether any interested person in good faith has made
2	valuable improvements to the property and, if so, the value of all
3	lasting improvements made to the property before the
4	commencement of the action under this section.
5	(3) The amount of any taxes and assessments, along with any
6	related interest payments, related to the property and paid by an
7	interested person or by any person under whose title to the
8	property an interested person claims.
9	(g) If the court determines that the omitted party is entitled to
10	redemption under subsection (d), and after considering the factors set
11	forth in subsection (f), the court shall grant redemption rights to the
12	omitted party that the court considers equitable under the
13	circumstances, subject to the following:
14	(1) The amount to be paid for redemption may not be less than the
15	sale price resulting from the foreclosure of the interested person's
16	senior lien, plus interest at the statutory judgment rate.
17	(2) The time allowed for payment of the redemption amount may
18	not exceed ninety (90) days after the date of the court's decree
19	under subsection (d).
20	(h) The senior lien upon which the foreclosure action was based is
21	not extinguished by merger with the title to the property conveyed to
22	a purchaser through a sheriff's deed executed and delivered under
23	IC 32-29-7-10 until the interest of any omitted party has been
24	terminated:
25	(1) through an action brought under this section; or
26	(2) by operation of law.

Until an omitted party's interest is terminated as described in this subsection, any owner of the property as a holder of a sheriff's deed executed and delivered under IC 32-29-7-10, or any person claiming by, through, or under such an owner, is the equitable owner of the senior lien upon which the foreclosure action was based and has all rights against an omitted party as existed before the judicial sale.

- (i) An interested person may not terminate an omitted party's interest in real property that is the subject of a foreclosure action except through an action brought under this section. An interested person's rights under this section may not be denied because the interested person:
  - (1) had actual or constructive notice of the omitted party's interest in the property;
  - (2) was negligent in examining county records;
  - (3) was engaged in the business of lending; or
    - (4) obtained a title search or commitment or a title insurance



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SECTION 3. IC 32-30-10-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) The copy of the court's order of sale and judgment shall be issued and certified by the clerk under the seal of the court to the sheriff.

(b) After receiving the order under subsection (a), the sheriff shall proceed to sell the mortgaged premises, or as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment, interest, and costs. If any part of the judgment, interest, and costs remain unsatisfied after the sale of the mortgaged premises, the sheriff shall proceed to sell the remaining property of the defendant. If the mortgaged property is located in more than one (1) county, a common description of the property, the sale of the property, and the location of the sale must be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in IC 32-29-7-3 in each county where the property is located.



#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Financial Institutions, to which was referred House Bill 1212, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert the following:

"SECTION 1. IC 32-29-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.247-2015, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) In a proceeding for the foreclosure of a mortgage executed on real estate, process may not issue for the execution of a judgment or decree of sale for a period of three (3) months after the filing of a complaint in the proceeding. However:

- (1) the period is:
  - (A) twelve (12) months in a proceeding for the foreclosure of a mortgage executed before January 1, 1958; and
  - (B) six (6) months in a proceeding for the foreclosure of a mortgage executed after December 31, 1957, but before July 1, 1975; and
- (2) if the court finds under IC 32-30-10.6 that the mortgaged real estate has been abandoned, a judgment or decree of sale may be executed on the date the judgment of foreclosure or decree of sale is entered, regardless of the date the mortgage is executed.
- (b) A judgment and decree in a proceeding to foreclose a mortgage that is entered by a court having jurisdiction may be filed with the clerk in any county as provided in IC 33-32-3-2. After the period set forth in subsection (a) expires, a person who may enforce the judgment and decree may file a praecipe with the clerk in any county where the judgment and decree is filed, and the clerk shall promptly issue and certify to the sheriff of that county a copy of the judgment and decree under the seal of the court. However, if:
  - (1) a praecipe is not filed with the clerk within one hundred eighty
  - (180) days after the later of the dates on which:
    - (A) the period specified in subsection (a) expires; or
    - (B) the judgment and decree is filed; and
  - (2) the sale is not:
    - (A) otherwise prohibited by law;
    - (B) subject to a voluntary statewide foreclosure moratorium; or
    - (C) subject to a written agreement that:
      - (i) provides for a delay in the sale of the mortgaged real



estate; and

(ii) is executed by and between the owner of the mortgaged real estate and a party entitled to enforce the judgment and decree:

an enforcement authority that has issued an abatement order under IC 36-7-36-9 with respect to the mortgaged real estate may file a praecipe with the clerk in any county where the judgment and decree is filed. If an enforcement authority files a praecipe under this subsection, the clerk of the county in which the praecipe is filed shall promptly issue and certify to the sheriff of that county a copy of the judgment and decree under the seal of the court.

- (c) Upon receiving a certified judgment under subsection (b), the sheriff shall, subject to section 4 of this chapter, sell the mortgaged premises or as much of the mortgaged premises as necessary to satisfy the judgment, interest, and costs at public auction at the office of the sheriff or at another location that is reasonably likely to attract higher competitive bids. The sheriff shall schedule the date and time of the sheriff's sale for:
  - (1) a date not later than:
    - (A) sixty (60) days after the date on which a judgment and decree under IC 32-30-10.6-5; and
    - (B) one hundred twenty (120) days after the date on which a judgment and decree in all other cases;

under seal of the court is certified to the sheriff by the clerk; and (2) a time certain between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any day of the week except Sunday.

- (d) Subject to subsections (e), (k), and (l), and notwithstanding IC 5-3-1, before selling mortgaged property, the sheriff must advertise the sale by arranging for the posting of a notice of the sale:
  - (1) on the Internet web site maintained by each county in which the real estate is located; or
  - (2) on the Internet web site maintained by the office of the sheriff;

at the discretion of the sheriff. IC 5-3-1-2.3 concerning an error or omission in a legal notice published in a newspaper applies to a notice of sale posted on an Internet web site under this subsection.

- (e) Subject to subsection (g), if:
  - (1) a county in which the real estate is located does not maintain an Internet web site; and
  - (2) the office of the sheriff does not maintain an Internet web site;

the sheriff shall advertise the sale by publication once each week for



- three (3) successive weeks in a at least one (1) daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the county. The sheriff shall publish the advertisement in at least one (1) newspaper published and circulated in each county where the real estate is situated. The first publication shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the date of sale.
- (f) At the time of posting the advertisement under subsection (d), or of placing the first advertisement by publication under subsection (e), as applicable, the sheriff shall also do the following:
  - (1) Serve a copy of the written or printed notice of sale upon each owner of the real estate. Service of the written notice shall be made as provided in the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure governing service of process upon a person. The sheriff shall charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10) to one (1) owner and three dollars (\$3) to each additional owner for service of written notice under this subsection. The fee is:
    - (1) (A) a cost of the proceeding;
    - (2) (B) to be collected as other costs of the proceeding are collected; and
    - (3) (C) to be deposited in the county general fund for appropriation for operating expenses of the sheriff's department.
  - (e) The sheriff also shall (2) Post written or printed notices of the sale at the door of the courthouse of each county in which the real estate is located.
- (f) (g) If the sheriff is unable to procure the publication of a notice within the county under subsection (e), the sheriff may dispense with publication. The sheriff shall state execute a written statement indicating that the sheriff was not able to procure the publication and explain explaining the reason why publication was not possible. The sheriff shall:
  - (1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of the written statement required by this subsection for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date of execution of the statement; and
  - (2) make the statement available to the public upon request.
- (g) (h) Notices under subsections (d), (e), (f), and (i) must contain a statement, for informational purposes only, of the location of each property by street address, if any, or other common description of the property other than legal description. A misstatement in the informational statement under this subsection does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.



- (h) (i) The sheriff may charge an administrative fee of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) with respect to a proceeding referred to in subsection (b) for actual costs directly attributable to the administration of the sale under subsection (c). The fee is:
  - (1) payable by the person seeking to enforce the judgment and decree; and
- (2) due at the time of filing of the praccipe; under subsection (b).
- (i) (j) If a sale of mortgaged property scheduled under this section is canceled, the sheriff shall provide written notice of the cancellation to each owner of the real estate. Service of the written notice shall be made as provided in the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure governing service of process upon a person. The sheriff shall charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10) for notice to one (1) owner and three dollars (\$3) for notice to each additional owner for service of written notice under this subsection. The fee:
  - (1) is a cost of the proceeding;
  - (2) shall be collected as other costs of the proceeding are collected; and
  - (3) shall be deposited in the county general fund for appropriation for operating expenses of the sheriff's department.

The fee for service under this subsection shall be paid by the person who caused the sale to be canceled.

- (k) Notice posted on a county's Internet web site or on a sheriff's Internet web site under subsection (d):
  - (1) shall be posted on the Internet web site at least thirty (30) days before the date of the sale; and
  - (2) shall be maintained on the Internet web site until any of the following occurs:
    - (A) Any owner or part owner of the real estate redeems the real estate from the judgment under section 7 of this chapter.
    - (B) The sale is cancelled under subsection (j).
    - (C) If the real estate is sold under subsection (c), a deed of conveyance for the premises is executed and delivered under section 10(a)(1) of this chapter to the purchaser of the real estate.
- (l) A sheriff who posts a notice of sale on a county's Internet web site or on the sheriff's Internet web site under subsection (d) shall:
  - (1) maintain a record, in a printed or an electronic format, of the posted notice of sale for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date on which the notice is removed from the



Internet web site after the occurrence of an event described in subsection (k)(2); and

(2) make the record available to the public upon request. The record required by this subsection must include the date of the initial posting of the notice along with proof that the notice was posted from the initial date through the applicable date described in subsection (k)(2)."

Delete pages 2 through 4. Page 5, delete lines 1 through 7.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1212 as introduced.)

**BURTON** 

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 3.

