



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 903

March 11, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives GROTHMAN, OTT, OWENS and GOETSCH, cosponsored by Senator FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 806.15 (1), 806.15 (2) (a) and 814.61 (5) (intro.) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** the effective period of a docketed judgment and the fee for filing
3 certain court papers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a court judgment is entered in the circuit court judgment and lien docket showing the judgment debtor's place of residence, that judgment is a lien for 10 years on all of the real property in that county belonging to the person against whom the judgment is entered. This bill extends the period of the lien to 20 years after the entry of the judgment in the circuit court judgment and lien docket.

The bill also increases the circuit court fee from \$5 to \$10 for the filing and entering of judgments, transcripts of judgments, assignments, liens, warrants and awards and the issuing of executions, certificates, commissions to take depositions, transcripts from the judgment and lien docket and writs not commencing an action.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 806.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 806.15 (1) Every judgment properly entered in the judgment and lien docket
6 showing the judgment debtor's place of residence shall, for ~~10~~ 20 years from the date
7 of entry, be a lien on all real property of every person against whom the judgment is

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1 entered which is in the county where the judgment is rendered, except homestead
2 property that is exempt from execution under s. 815.20, and which the person has
3 at the time of the entry or which the person acquires thereafter within the ~~10-year~~
4 20-year period.

5 **SECTION 2.** 806.15 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 806.15 (2) (a) When the collection of the judgment or the sale of the real estate
7 upon which the judgment is a lien shall be delayed by law, and the judgment creditor
8 shall have caused to be entered on the judgment and lien docket “enforcement
9 suspended by injunction” or otherwise, as the case may be, and that entry is dated,
10 the time period of the delay after the date of the entry shall not be considered part
11 of the ~~10-year~~ 20-year period under sub. (1).

12 **SECTION 3.** 814.61 (5) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 814.61 (5) JUDGMENTS, WRITS, EXECUTIONS, LIENS, WARRANTS, AWARDS,
14 CERTIFICATES. (intro.) The clerk shall collect a fee of \$~~5~~ \$10 for the following:

15 (END)