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HOUSE BILL No. 4417

March 15, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Oakes and referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 3204 (MCL 600.3204), as amended by 2009 PA 29; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 3204. (1) Subject to subsection (4), a party may
 foreclose a mortgage by advertisement if all of the following
 circumstances exist:
 - (a) A default in a condition of the mortgage has occurred, by which the power to sell became operative.
 - (b) An action or proceeding has not been instituted, at law, to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part of the mortgage; or, if an action or proceeding has been instituted, the action or proceeding has been discontinued; or an execution on a

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- 1 judgment rendered in an action or proceeding has been returned
- 2 unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
- 3 (c) The mortgage containing the power of sale has been
- 4 properly recorded.
- 5 (d) The party foreclosing the mortgage is either the owner of
- 6 the indebtedness or of an interest in the indebtedness secured by
- 7 the mortgage or the servicing agent of the mortgage.
- 8 (2) If a mortgage is given to secure the payment of money by
- 9 installments, each of the installments mentioned in the mortgage
- 10 after the first shall be treated as a separate and independent
- 11 mortgage. The mortgage for each of the installments may be
- 12 foreclosed in the same manner and with the same effect as if a
- 13 separate mortgage were given for each subsequent installment. A
- 14 redemption of a sale by the mortgagor has the same effect as if the
- 15 sale for the installment had been made upon an independent prior
- **16** mortgage.
- 17 (3) If the party foreclosing a mortgage by advertisement is
- 18 not the original mortgagee, a record chain of title shall exist
- 19 prior to the date of sale under section 3216 evidencing the
- 20 assignment of the mortgage to the party foreclosing the mortgage.
- 21 (4) A party shall not commence proceedings under this chapter
- 22 to foreclose a mortgage of property described in section 3205a(1)
- 23 if 1 or more of the following apply:
- 24 (a) Notice has not been mailed to the mortgagor as required by
- 25 section 3205a.
- 26 (b) After a notice is mailed to the mortgagor under section
- 27 3205a, the time for a housing counselor to notify the person

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- 1 designated under section 3205a(1)(c) of a request by the mortgagor
- 2 under section 3205b(1) has not expired.
- 3 (c) Within 14 days after a notice is mailed to the mortgagor
- 4 under section 3205a, the mortgagor has requested a meeting under
- 5 section 3205b with the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c)
- 6 and 90 days have not passed after the notice was mailed.
- 7 (d) The mortgagor has requested a meeting under section 3205b
- 8 with the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c), the mortgagor
- 9 has provided documents if requested under section 3205b(2), and the
- 10 person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) has not met or
- 11 negotiated with the mortgagor under this chapter.
- 12 (e) The mortgagor and mortgagee have agreed to modify the
- 13 mortgage loan and the mortgagor is not in default under the
- 14 modified agreement.
- (f) Calculations under section 3205c(1) show that the
- 16 mortgagor is eligible for a loan modification and foreclosure under
- 17 this chapter is not allowed under section 3205c(7).
- 18 (5) Subsection (4) applies only to proceedings under this
- 19 chapter in which the first notice under section 3208 is published
- 20 after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this
- 21 subsection and before 2 years after the effective date of the
- 22 amendatory act that added this subsection JULY 5, 2009.
- 23 Enacting section 1. Section 3205e of the revised judicature
- 24 act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3205e, is repealed.