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A Bill

SENATE BILL 260

5 By: Senator J. Bryant
6 By: Representative Gonzales
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF
10 COURT FINES, FEES, OR COSTS AFTER DEFAULT; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
16 COLLECTION OF COURT FINES, FEES, OR
17 COSTS AFTER DEFAULT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-4-204 is amended to read as follows:
22 § 5-4-204. Collection after default.

23 (a) When a defendant sentenced to pay ~~a fine or costs~~ fin~~es, fees, or~~
24 costs defaults in the payment of the ~~fine or costs~~ fin~~es, fees, or costs~~ or
25 of any installment, the ~~fine or costs~~ fin~~es, fees, or costs~~ may be collected
26 by:

27 (1) By any means authorized for the enforcement of a money
28 judgment in a civil action; or

29 (2) Upon the court's own motion, by the interception of the
30 defendant's state income tax return by following the procedures under § 5-4-
31 206(d)-(f) for the collection of unpaid restitution.

32 (b) A judgment that the defendant pay ~~a fine or costs~~ fin~~es, fees, or~~
33 costs constitutes a lien on the real property and personal property of the
34 defendant in the same manner and to the same extent as a money judgment in a
35 civil action.
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