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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5048

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5048 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing

5 Section 22-15 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/22-15)

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Sec. 22-15. Service of notice. The purchaser or his or her assignee shall give the notice required by Section 22-10 by causing it to be published in a newspaper as set forth in Section 22-20. In addition, the notice shall be served by a sheriff (or if he or she is disqualified, by a coroner) of the county in which the property, or any part thereof, is located or, except in Cook County, by a person who is licensed or registered as a private detective under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 upon owners who reside on any part of the

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property sold by leaving a copy of the notice with those owners personally.

In Cook County, the notice must be served by a sheriff (or if he or she is disqualified, by a coroner) and may also be served by a by a person who is licensed or registered as a private detective under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

In counties of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants where a taxing district is a petitioner for tax deed pursuant to Section 21-90, in lieu of service by the sheriff or coroner the notice may be served by a special process server appointed by the circuit court as provided in this Section. The taxing district may move prior to filing one or more petitions for tax deed for appointment of such a special process server. The court, upon being satisfied that the person named in the motion is at least 18 years of age and is capable of serving notice as required under this Code, shall enter an order appointing such person as a special process server for a period of one year. appointment may be renewed for successive periods of one year each by motion and order, and a copy of the original and any subsequent order shall be filed in each tax deed case in which a notice is served by the appointed person. Delivery of the notice to and service of the notice by the special process server shall have the same force and effect as its delivery to and service by the sheriff or coroner.

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The same form of notice shall also be served, in the manner set forth under Sections 2-203, 2-204, 2-205, 2-205.1, and 2-211 of the Code of Civil Procedure, upon all other owners and parties interested in the property, if upon diligent inquiry they can be found in the county, and upon the occupants of the property.

If the property sold has more than 4 dwellings or other rental units, and has a managing agent or party who collects rents, that person shall be deemed the occupant and shall be served with notice instead of the occupants of the individual units. If the property has no dwellings or rental units, but economic or recreational activities are carried on therein, the person directing such activities shall be deemed the occupant. Holders of rights of entry and possibilities of reverter shall not be deemed parties interested in the property.

When a party interested in the property is a trustee, notice served upon the trustee shall be deemed to have been served upon any beneficiary or note holder thereunder unless the holder of the note is disclosed of record.

When a judgment is a lien upon the property sold, the holder of the lien shall be served with notice if the name of the judgment debtor as shown in the transcript, certified copy or memorandum of judgment filed of record is identical, as to given name and surname, with the name of the party interested as it appears of record.

If any owner or party interested, upon diligent inquiry and

- 1 effort, cannot be found or served with notice in the county as
- 2 provided in this Section, and the person in actual occupancy
- 3 and possession is tenant to, or in possession under the owners
- 4 or the parties interested in the property, then service of
- 5 notice upon the tenant, occupant or person in possession shall
- 6 be deemed service upon the owners or parties interested.
- 7 If any owner or party interested, upon diligent inquiry and
- 8 effort cannot be found or served with notice in the county,
- 9 then the person making the service shall cause a copy of the
- 10 notice to be sent by registered or certified mail, return
- 11 receipt requested, to that party at his or her residence, if
- 12 ascertainable.
- The changes to this Section made by Public Act 95-477 apply
- only to matters in which a petition for tax deed is filed on or
- after June 1, 2008 (the effective date of Public Act 95-477).
- 16 (Source: P.A. 95-195, eff. 1-1-08; 95-477, eff. 6-1-08; 95-876,
- 17 eff. 8-21-08.)
- 18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 19 becoming law.".