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Introduced by Reps. Jackson, Roy Schmidt, Simpson, Robert Jones, Cushingberry, Slavens, Lisa Brown, Roberts, Corriveau, Scripps, Kennedy, Huckleberry, Haase, Haugh, Liss, Tlaib, Segal, Switalski, Bledsoe, Nerat, Smith, Ebli, Barnett, Melton, Miller, Nathan and Leland

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4453

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending the title and section 3204 (MCL 600.3204), the title as amended by 1999 PA 239 and section 3204 as amended by 2004 PA 186, and by adding section 3205.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

TITLE

An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 judgment rendered in an action or proceeding has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
- (c) The mortgage containing the power of sale has been properly recorded.
- (d) The party foreclosing the mortgage is either the owner of the indebtedness or of an interest in the indebtedness secured by the mortgage or the servicing agent of the mortgage.

(2) If a mortgage is given to secure the payment of money by installments, each of the installments mentioned in the mortgage after the first shall be treated as a separate and independent mortgage. The mortgage for each of the installments may be foreclosed in the same manner and with the same effect as if a separate mortgage were given for each subsequent installment. A redemption of a sale by the mortgagor has the same effect as if the sale for the installment had been made upon an independent prior mortgage.

(3) If the party foreclosing a mortgage by advertisement is not the original mortgagee, a record chain of title shall exist prior to the date of sale under section 3216 evidencing the assignment of the mortgage to the party foreclosing the mortgage.

(4) A party shall not commence proceedings under this chapter to foreclose a mortgage of property described in section 3205a(1) if 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) Notice has not been mailed to the mortgagor as required by section 3205a.

(b) After a notice is mailed to the mortgagor under section 3205a, the time for a housing counselor to notify the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) of a request by the mortgagor under section 3205b(1) has not expired.

(c) Within 14 days after a notice is mailed to the mortgagor under section 3205a, the mortgagor has requested a meeting under section 3205b with the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) and 90 days have not passed after the notice was mailed.

(d) The mortgagor has requested a meeting under section 3205b with the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c), the mortgagor has provided documents if requested under section 3205b(2), and the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) has not met or negotiated with the mortgagor under this chapter.

(e) The mortgagor and mortgagee have agreed to modify the mortgage loan and the mortgagor is not in default under the modified agreement.

(f) Calculations under section 3205c(1) show that the mortgagor is eligible for a loan modification and foreclosure under this chapter is not allowed under section 3205c(7).

(5) Subsection (4) applies only to proceedings under this chapter in which the first notice under section 3208 is published after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection and before 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

Sec. 3205. As used in this section and sections 3205a to 3205d:

(a) "Borrower" means the mortgagor.

(b) "Mortgage holder" means the owner of the indebtedness or of an interest in the indebtedness that is secured by the mortgage.

(c) "Mortgage servicer" means the servicing agent of the mortgage.

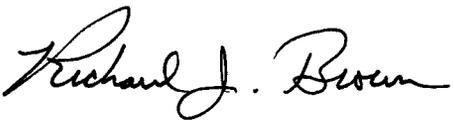
Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 45 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) House Bill No. 4454.

(b) House Bill No. 4455.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4454

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 3205a and 3205b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 3205a. (1) Subject to subsection (6), before proceeding with a sale under this chapter of property claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc, the foreclosing party shall serve a written notice on the borrower that contains all of the following information:

(a) The reasons that the mortgage loan is in default and the amount that is due and owing under the mortgage loan.

(b) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the mortgage holder, the mortgage servicer, or any agent designated by the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

(c) A designation of 1 of the persons named in subdivision (b) as the person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements under sections 3205b and 3205c.

(d) That enclosed with the notice is a list of housing counselors prepared by the Michigan state housing development authority and that within 14 days after the notice is sent, the borrower may request a meeting with the person designated under subdivision (c) to attempt to work out a modification of the mortgage loan to avoid foreclosure and that the borrower may also request a housing counselor to attend the meeting.

(e) That if the borrower requests a meeting with the person designated under subdivision (c), foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice is mailed to the borrower.

(f) That if the borrower and the person designated under subdivision (c) reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

(g) That if the borrower and the person designated under subdivision (c) do not agree to modify the mortgage loan but it is determined that the borrower meets criteria for a modification under section 3205c(1) and foreclosure under this chapter is not allowed under section 3205c(7), the foreclosure of the mortgage will proceed before a judge instead of by advertisement.

(h) That the borrower has the right to contact an attorney, and the telephone numbers of the state bar of Michigan's lawyer referral service and of a local legal aid office serving the area in which the property is situated.

(2) A person who serves a notice under subsection (1) shall enclose with the notice a list prepared by the Michigan state housing development authority under section 3205d of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of housing counselors approved by the United States department of housing and urban development or the Michigan state housing development authority.

(3) A person shall serve a notice under subsection (1) by mailing the notice by regular first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, with delivery restricted to the borrower, both sent to the borrower's last known address.

(4) Within 7 days after mailing a notice under subsection (3), the person who mails the notice shall publish a notice informing the borrower of the borrower's rights under this section. The person shall publish the information 1 time in the same manner as is required for publishing a notice of foreclosure sale under section 3208. The notice under this subsection shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The borrower's name and the property address.

(b) A statement that informs the borrower of all of the following:

(i) That the borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

(ii) The name of the person designated under subsection (1)(c) as the person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements under sections 3205b and 3205c.

(iii) That the borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan state housing development authority's website or by calling the Michigan state housing development authority.

(iv) The website address and telephone number of the Michigan state housing development authority.

(v) That if the borrower requests a meeting with the person designated under subsection (1)(c), foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date notice is mailed to the borrower.

(vi) That if the borrower and the person designated under subsection (1)(c) reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

(vii) That the borrower has the right to contact an attorney, and the telephone number of the state bar of Michigan's lawyer referral service.

(5) A borrower on whom notice is required to be served under this section who is not served and against whom foreclosure proceedings are commenced under this chapter may bring an action in the circuit court for the county in which the mortgaged property is situated to enjoin the foreclosure.

(6) If the borrower and the person designated under subsection (1)(c) have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, this section and sections 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the borrower has complied with the terms of the mortgage loan, as modified, for 1 year after the date of the modification.

Sec. 3205b. (1) A borrower who wishes to participate in negotiations to attempt to work out a modification of a mortgage loan shall contact a housing counselor from the list provided under section 3205a within 14 days after the list is mailed to the borrower. Within 10 days after being contacted by a borrower, a housing counselor shall inform the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) in writing of the borrower's request.

(2) After being informed of a borrower's request to meet under this section, the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) may request the borrower to provide any documents that are necessary to determine whether the borrower is eligible for a modification under section 3205c. The borrower shall give the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) copies of any documents requested under this section.

(3) A housing counselor contacted by a borrower under this section shall schedule a meeting between the borrower and the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) to attempt to work out a modification of the mortgage loan. At the request of the borrower, the housing counselor will attend the meeting. The meeting and any later meetings shall be held at a time and place that is convenient to all parties, or in the county where the property is situated.

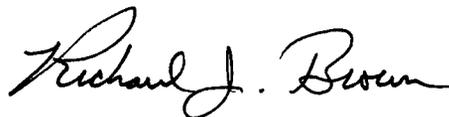
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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4455

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 3205c, 3205d, and 3205e; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 3205c. (1) If a borrower has contacted a housing counselor under section 3205b but the process has not resulted in an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) shall work with the borrower to determine whether the borrower qualifies for a loan modification. Unless the loan is described in subsection (2) or (3), in making the determination under this subsection, the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) shall use a loan modification program or process that includes all of the following features:

(a) The loan modification program or process targets a ratio of the borrower's housing-related debt to the borrower's gross income of 38% or less, on an aggregate basis. Housing-related debt under this subdivision includes mortgage principal and interest, property taxes, insurance, and homeowner's fees.

(b) To reach the 38% target specified in subdivision (a), 1 or more of the following features:

(i) An interest rate reduction, as needed, subject to a floor of 3%, for a fixed term of at least 5 years.

(ii) An extension of the amortization period for the loan term, to 40 years or less from the date of the loan modification.

(iii) Deferral of some portion of the amount of the unpaid principal balance of 20% or less, until maturity, refinancing of the loan, or sale of the property.

(iv) Reduction or elimination of late fees.

(2) In making the determination under subsection (1), if the mortgage loan is pooled for sale to an investor that is a governmental entity, the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) shall follow the modification guidelines dictated by the governmental entity.

(3) In making the determination under subsection (1), if the mortgage loan has been sold to a government-sponsored enterprise, the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) shall follow the modification guidelines dictated by the government-sponsored enterprise.

(4) This section does not prohibit a loan modification on other terms or another loss mitigation strategy instead of modification if the other modification or strategy is agreed to by the borrower and the person designated under section 3205a(1)(c).

(5) The person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) shall provide the borrower with both of the following:

(a) A copy of any calculations made by the person under this section.

(b) If requested by the borrower, a copy of the program, process, or guidelines under which the determination under subsection (1) was made.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), if the results of the calculation under subsection (1) are that the borrower is eligible for a modification, the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer shall not foreclose the mortgage under this chapter but may proceed under chapter 31. If the results of the calculation under subsection (1) are that the borrower is not eligible for a modification or if subsection (7) applies, the mortgage holder or mortgage lender may foreclose the mortgage under this chapter.

(7) If the determination under subsection (1) is that the borrower is eligible for a modification, the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer may proceed to foreclose the mortgage under this chapter if both of the following apply:

(a) The person designated under section 3205a(1)(c) has in good faith offered the borrower a modification agreement prepared in accordance with the modification determination.

(b) For reasons not related to any action or inaction of the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer, the borrower has not executed and returned the modification agreement within 14 days after the borrower received the agreement.

(8) If a mortgage holder or mortgage servicer begins foreclosure proceedings under this chapter in violation of this section, the borrower may file an action in the circuit court for the county where the mortgaged property is situated to convert the foreclosure proceeding to a judicial foreclosure. If a borrower files an action under this section and the court determines that the borrower participated in the process under section 3205b, a modification agreement was not reached, and the borrower is eligible for modification under subsection (1), and subsection (7) does not apply, the court shall enjoin foreclosure of the mortgage by advertisement and order that the foreclosure proceed under chapter 31.

Sec. 3205d. The Michigan state housing development authority shall develop the list of housing counselors approved by the United States department of housing and urban development or by the Michigan state housing development authority who may perform the duties of housing counselor under sections 3205a to 3205c.

Sec. 3205e. Sections 3205a to 3205d are repealed effective 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

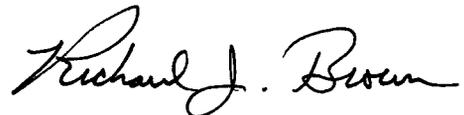
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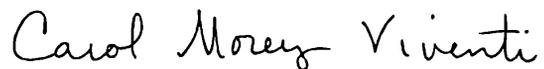
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