Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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| 9 | AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATUTORY | | |
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| 21 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: | | |
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| 23 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-50-104(b), concerning persons to receive | | |
| 24 | notice in statutory foreclosure actions, is amended to read as follows: | | |
| 25 | (b) The mortgagee's or trustee's notice of default and intention to | | |
| 26 | sell shall be: | | |
| 27 | (1) Served upon the residents of the trust property, within | | |
| 28 | thirty (30) days of the recording of the notice, by personally serving a | | |
| 29 | $\underline{\text{resident person on the premises of the trust property in the same manner as } \underline{a}$ | | |
| 30 | summons, if the trust property is inhabited; and | | |
| 31 | (2) mailed Mailed within thirty (30) days of the recording of the | | |
| 32 | notice by certified mail, postage prepaid and by first class mail, postage | | |
| 33 | prepaid, to the address last known to the mortgagee or the trustee or | | |
| 34 | beneficiary of the following persons: | | |
| 35 | (1)(A) The mortgagor or grantor of the deed of trust; | | |
| 36 | (2) (| (B) Any successor in interest to | the mortgagor or |

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1 grantor whose interest appears of record or whose interest the mortgagee or 2 the trustee or beneficiary has actual notice; 3 (3)(C) Any person having a lien or interest subsequent to 4 the interest of the mortgagee or trustee where that lien or interest appears 5 of record or where the mortgagee, the trustee, or the beneficiary has actual 6 notice of the lien or interest; and 7 (4)(D) Any person requesting notice, as provided in 8 § 18-50-113. 9 10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 18-50-105 is amended to read as follows: 11 18-50-105. Publication of notice. 12 The mortgagee or trustee shall publish the notice: (1) In a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which 13 14 the trust property is situated or in a newspaper of general statewide daily publication one (1) time a week for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to the 15 16 date of sale. The final publication shall be no more than ten (10) days 17 prior to the sale; (2) By employing a third-party posting provider to post notice 18 19 at the place at the county courthouse where foreclosure sales are customarily advertised and conducted; and 20 21 (3) By employing a third-party Internet foreclosure sale notice 22 information service provider. 23 24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 18-50-116(d), concerning miscellaneous provisions under the statutory foreclosure law, is amended to read as 25 26 follows: 27 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to: 28 (1) Create an implied right of redemption in favor of any 29 person; or 30 (2)(A) Impair the right of any person or entity to assert his 31 legal and equitable rights in a court of competent jurisdiction. 32 (B) Provided, however, that any such claim or defense, except lack of notice by a person entitled to notice under § 18-50-104, shall 33 34 be asserted prior to the sale or be forever barred and terminated. 35

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 50, Subchapter 1 is amended

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     to add an additional section to read as follows:
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           18-50-117. Action to void sale.
           Any person entitled to notice under § 18-50-104, but not given notice
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     within the time limits provided, shall have the right, upon receiving notice
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     of the foreclosure, to bring an action in court to halt the foreclosure of a
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     mortgage under this chapter, or to void the sale of the trust property within
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     one (1) year of the sale.
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