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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FILING OF A
10 MECHANIC'S OR MATERIALMAN'S LIEN; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FILING OF
16 A MECHANIC'S OR MATERIALMAN'S LIEN.
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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 § 18-44-117 is amended to read as follows:
22 18-44-117. Filing of lien.

23 (a)(1) ~~It shall be the duty of every~~ A person who wishes to avail
24 himself or herself of the provisions of this subchapter has a duty to file
25 with the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the building,
26 erection, or other improvement to be charged with the lien is situated and
27 within one hundred twenty (120) days after the ~~things~~ items specified in this
28 subchapter ~~shall~~ have been furnished or the work or labor done or performed:

29 (A) A just and true account of the demand due or owing to
30 him or her after allowing all credits; and

31 (B) An affidavit of notice attached to the lien account.

32 (2) The lien account shall contain a ~~correct~~ legal description
33 of the property to be charged with the lien, verified by affidavit.

34 (3) The affidavit of notice shall contain:

35 (A) A ~~sworn~~ notarized statement evidencing compliance with
36 the applicable notice provisions of §§ 18-44-114 – 18-44-116; ~~and~~



1 (B) A copy of each applicable notice given under §§ 18-44-
2 114 - 18-44-116; and

3 (C) A copy of the proof of service required under § 18-44-
4 114.

5 (b)(1)(A) ~~It shall be the duty of the~~ The clerk of the circuit court
6 has a duty to endorse upon every account the date of its filing and to make
7 an abstract of the account in a book kept by him or her for that purpose,
8 properly indexed.

9 (B) This abstract shall contain:

10 (i) The date of the filing;

11 (ii) The name of the person laying or imposing the
12 lien;

13 (iii) The amount of the lien;

14 (iv) The name of the person against whose property
15 the lien is filed; and

16 (v) A legal description of the property to be
17 charged with the lien.

18 (2) For this service, ~~the clerk shall receive the sum of three~~
19 ~~dollars (\$3.00) from the person laying or imposing the lien, which shall be~~
20 ~~taxed and collected as other costs in case there is suit on the lien~~ the
21 person laying or imposing the lien shall submit the fee required by § 21-6-
22 306 to the clerk of the circuit court, and the fee shall be taxed and
23 collected as other costs in case there is a suit on the lien.

24 (3) The clerk of the circuit court shall ~~refuse to~~ not file a
25 lien account that does not contain the affidavits and attachments required by
26 this section.

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