

60-2202. Judgment liens. (a) Any judgment rendered in this state by a court of the United States or by a district court of this state in an action commenced under chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated shall be a lien on the real estate of the judgment debtor within the county in which judgment is rendered. Except as provided in subsection (c), the lien shall be effective from the time at which the petition stating the claim against the judgment debtor was filed but not to exceed four months prior to the entry of the judgment. An attested copy of the journal entry of the judgment, together with a statement of the costs taxed against the judgment debtor in the case, may be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of any other county upon payment of the fee prescribed by K.S.A. 28-170 and amendments thereto, and the judgment shall become a lien on the real estate of the debtor within that county from the date of filing the copy. The clerk shall enter the judgment on the appearance docket and index it in the same manner as if rendered in the court in which the clerk serves. Executions shall be issued only from the court in which the judgment is rendered.

(b) Any judgment rendered by a district court of this state in an action commenced under the code of civil procedure for limited actions shall become a lien on the real property of the judgment debtor when the party in whose favor the judgment was rendered pays the fee prescribed by K.S.A. 28-170 and amendments thereto and the clerk of the district court enters the judgment in the appearance docket. The lien shall become a lien only upon the debtor's real property that is located in the county in which the filing is made, but a filing may be made in any county in which real property of the judgment debtor is located. Upon the filing of a journal entry of judgment and payment of the fee as provided in this section, the clerk of the district court shall enter it in the appearance docket. The lien shall cease to be a lien on the real property of the judgment debtor at the time provided in article 24 of this chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the filing of a petition or other pleadings against an employee of the state or a municipality which alleges a negligent or wrongful act or omission of the employee while acting within the scope of the employee's employment shall create no lien rights as against the property of the employee prior to judgment, regardless of whether or not it is alleged in the alternative that the employee was acting outside the scope of the employee's employment. A judgment against an employee shall become a lien upon the employee's property when the judgment is rendered only if it is found that (1) the employee's negligent or wrongful act or omission occurred when the employee was acting outside the scope of the employee's employment or (2) the employee's conduct which gave rise to the judgment was because of actual fraud or actual malice of the employee; in those cases the lien shall not be effective prior to the date judgment is rendered. As used in this subsection, "employee" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 75-6102 and amendments thereto.

(d) If unpaid arrearages accrued under a support order rendered in another state give rise to a lien on real property in the state where rendered, such arrearages shall become a lien on the real property of the obligor as of the date the clerk of the court in this state enters the order in the appearance docket. The clerk of the court shall enter the order in the appearance docket upon receiving payment of the fee prescribed by K.S.A. 28-170 and amendments thereto; a sworn statement that the obligor was provided at least 30 days' prior written notice that the lien would be filed in this state, that the obligor was provided an opportunity for hearing concerning the proposed filing and that no hearing was timely requested or the decision therein allows the lien to be filed; a sworn statement of the amount of the lien; and a legible copy of the support order or, in a title IV-D case, a notice of lien that describes the support order. The lien shall become a lien only upon the obligor's real property that is located in the county in which the filing is made, but a filing may be made in any county in which real property of the obligor is located. The lien shall cease to be a lien on the real property of the obligor at the time provided in article 24 of this chapter. As used in this section, "title IV-D case" means a case being administered pursuant to part D of title IV of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.) and amendments thereto. Any person filing the documents required by this subsection shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state with respect to any action in this state to determine the validity of the lien or the lien's attachment to any real property.

(e) A person named as the debtor in a notice of lien filed pursuant to subsection (d) based upon a support order issued in another state, or a person whose interest in real estate is affected by the filing of such a notice of lien may file a petition pursuant to chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, with the district court where the notice of lien was filed. The petitioner shall notify the person who filed the notice of lien that a hearing to contest the validity of the lien or the lien's attachment to the petitioner's property will be held no less than 30 days after the date of mailing or personal service of the notice.

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