HOUSE BILL No. 2942

By Representative Watkins

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9 AN ACT concerning civil procedure; relating to garnishment; amending 10 K.S.A. 60-741 and 61-3515 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 60-741 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-741. If the garnishee fails to answer within the time and manner specified in the order of garnishment, the judgment creditor may file a motion and shall send a copy of the motion to the garnishee and the judgment debtor in the manner allowed under K.S.A. 60-205, and amendments thereto. At the hearing on the motion, the court may grant judgment against the garnishee for the amount of the judgment creditor's judgment or claim against the judgment debtor or for such other amount as the court deems reasonable and proper, and for the expenses and attorney fees of the judgment creditor only if the garnishee was served the order of garnishment pursuant to K.S.A. 60-734, and amendments thereto, by personal service or service by return receipt delivery. If the claim of the plaintiff has not been reduced to judgment, the liability of the garnishee shall be limited to the judgment ultimately rendered against the judgment debtor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 61-3515 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-3515. If after the time the garnishee is to make payment of funds or property held under a garnishment, the garnishee fails or refuses to pay or deliver property to the judgment creditor, the judgment creditor may file a motion and shall send a copy of the motion to the garnishee and the judgment debtor in the manner allowed under K.S.A. 61-2907, and amendments thereto. At the hearing on the motion, the court may find the garnishee in contempt and punish the garnishee by a fine or may enter judgment against the garnishee for such amount as the court deems reasonable and proper, including the expenses and attorney fees of the judgment creditor only if the garnishee was served the order of garnishment pursuant to 61-3507, and amendments thereto, by personal service or service by return receipt delivery.

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 60-741 and 61-3515 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.