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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 25-2142,
- 2 76-1006, and 76-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 provide for a person designated to accept city or village notices in
- 4 cases of mortgaged property or trust deed default; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 25-2142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 25-2142 (1) Upon filing a complaint for the foreclosure or
- 4 satisfaction of a mortgage, the complainant shall state therein whether
- 5 any proceedings have been had at law for the recovery of the debt secured
- 6 thereby, or any part thereof, and whether such debt, or any part thereof,
- 7 has been collected and paid.
- 8 (2) Subsequent to the filing of a complaint for the foreclosure or
- 9 <u>satisfaction of a mortgage under this section, the complainant, within</u>
- 10 <u>five business days after receipt of a written request by a designated</u>
- 11 <u>representative of the incorporated city or village having jurisdiction of</u>
- 12 <u>the mortgaged property, shall provide the name and address of a person</u>
- 13 <u>designated</u> by the complainant to accept notices of violations by the
- 14 owner of the mortgaged property on behalf of the complainant. Failure to
- 15 provide the name and address required under this subsection shall not
- 16 void, invalidate, or affect in any way a complaint for the foreclosure or
- 17 <u>satisfaction of a mortgage filed under this section. This subsection does</u>
- 18 <u>not impose upon the complainant a duty to maintain the mortgaged</u>
- 19 property. The designation of a representative to receive notices shall
- 20 <u>terminate upon transfer of fee title ownership to the mortgaged property.</u>
- 21 Sec. 2. Section 76-1006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 76-1006 (1) The power of sale conferred in the Nebraska Trust Deeds
- 24 Act upon the trustee shall not be exercised until:
- 25 $(\underline{a} + \underline{1})$ The trustee or the attorney for the trustee shall first file
- 26 for record in the office of the register of deeds of each county wherein
- 27 the trust property or some part or parcel thereof is situated a notice of
- 28 default identifying the trust deed by stating the name of the trustor
- 29 named therein and giving the book and page or computer system reference
- 30 where the same is recorded and a description of the trust property,
- 31 containing a statement that a breach of an obligation for which the trust

- 1 property was conveyed as security has occurred, and setting forth the
- 2 nature of such breach and of his or her election to sell or cause to be
- 3 sold such property to satisfy the obligation;
- 4 (\underline{b} 2) If the trust property is used in farming operations carried on
- 5 by the trustor, not in any incorporated city or village, the notice of
- 6 default also sets forth:
- 7 $(\underline{i} \ a)$ A statement that the default may be cured within two months of
- 8 the filing for record of the notice of default and the obligation and
- 9 trust deed may be thereby reinstated as provided in section 76-1012;
- 10 $(\underline{i}\underline{i})$ A statement of the amount of the entire unpaid principal sum
- 11 secured by the trust deed, the amount of interest accrued thereon to and
- 12 including the date the notice of default is signed by the trustee or the
- 13 trustee's attorney, and the dollar amount of the per diem interest
- 14 accruing from and after such date; and
- 15 (iii e) A statement of the amount of the unpaid principal which
- 16 would not then be due had no default occurred; and
- 17 (c 3) After the lapse of not less than one month, or two months if
- 18 the notice of default is subject to subdivision (1 2)(b)(i) of this
- 19 section, the trustee or the attorney for the trustee shall give notice of
- 20 sale as provided in section 76-1007.
- 21 (2) Subsequent to the filing of a notice of default pursuant to this
- 22 section, the trustee or the attorney for the trustee, within five
- 23 business days after receipt of a written request by a designated
- 24 representative of the incorporated city or village having jurisdiction of
- 25 the trust property, shall provide the name and address of a person
- 26 <u>designated by the beneficiary of the trust deed to accept notices of</u>
- 27 <u>violation of ordinances by the owner on behalf of the beneficiary.</u>
- 28 Failure to provide the name and address required under this subsection
- 29 <u>shall not void, invalidate, or affect in any way a notice of default</u>
- 30 filed under this section. This subsection does not impose upon the
- 31 beneficiary, trustee, or the attorney for the trustee a duty to maintain

- 1 the trust property. The designation of a representative to receive
- 2 <u>notices shall terminate upon transfer of fee title ownership to the trust</u>
- 3 property.
- 4 Sec. 3. Section 76-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 76-1012 (1) Whenever all or a portion of the principal sum of any 6 obligation secured by a trust deed has, prior to the maturity date fixed 7 in such obligation, become due or been declared due by reason of a breach 8 9 or default in the performance of any obligation secured by the trust including a default in the payment of interest or of any 10 deed, installment of principal, or by reason of failure of the trustor to pay, 11 in accordance with the terms of such trust deed, taxes, assessments, 12 13 premiums for insurance, or advances made by the beneficiary in accordance with terms of such obligation or of such trust deed, the trustor or his 14 or her successor in interest in the trust property or any part thereof or 15 any other person having a subordinate lien or encumbrance of record 16 17 thereon or any beneficiary under a subordinate trust deed, at any time within one month, or within two months if the notice of default is 18 19 subject to subdivision $(1 \ 2)(b)(i)$ of section 76-1006, of the filing for record of notice of default under such trust deed, if the power of sale 20 is to be exercised, may pay to the beneficiary or his or her successor in 21 interest the entire amount then due under the terms of such trust deed 22 and the obligation secured thereby, including costs and expenses actually 23 24 incurred in enforcing the terms of such obligation, or trust deed, and 25 the trustee's fees actually incurred not exceeding in the aggregate fifty dollars or one-half of one percent of the entire unpaid principal sum 26 secured, whichever is greater, other than such portion of the principal 27 28 as would not then be due had no default occurred, and thereby cure the default theretofore existing and thereupon all proceedings theretofore 29 had or instituted shall be dismissed or discontinued, and the obligation 30 and trust deed shall be reinstated and shall be and remain in force and 31

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effect the same as if no acceleration had occurred. If the default is 1 2 cured and the trust deed reinstated in the manner provided in this section, the beneficiary, or his or her assignee, shall, on demand of any 3 4 person having an interest in the trust property, execute and deliver to him or her a request to the trustee that the trustee execute, 5 acknowledge, and deliver a cancellation of the recorded notice of default 6 7 under such trust deed, and any beneficiary under a trust deed, or his or her assignee, who, for a period of thirty days after such demand, refuses 8 9 to request the trustee to execute and deliver such cancellation shall be liable to the person entitled to such request for all damages resulting 10 from such refusal. A cancellation of recorded notice of default under a 11 trust deed shall, when acknowledged, be entitled to be recorded and shall 12 13 be sufficient if made and executed by the trustee in substantially the following form: 14 Cancellation of Notice of Default 15 16 The undersigned hereby cancels the notice of default filed for 17 record, 20...., and recorded in book, page, (or computer system reference) Records of County, 18 Nebraska, which notice of default refers to the trust deed executed 19 by is named as beneficiary 20 and as trustee, and filed for record, 20...., 21 22 and recorded in book, page, (or computer system reference) Records of County, Nebraska. 23 24 Signature of trustee attorney for or 25 (2) Whenever all or a portion of the principal sum of any obligation 26 secured by a trust deed has, prior to the maturity date fixed in such 27 28 obligation, become due or been declared due by reason of a breach or default in the performance of any obligation secured by the trust deed, 29 including a default in the payment of interest or of any installment of 30

principal, or by reason of failure of the trustor to pay, in accordance

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- 1 with the terms of such trust deed, taxes, assessments, premiums for 2 insurance, or advances made by the beneficiary in accordance with terms of such obligation or of such trust deed, in the event the trustor or his 3 or her successor in interest or any other person having a subordinate 4 lien or encumbrance of record thereon or any beneficiary under a 5 subordinate trust deed makes payment of the entire amount then due under 6 the terms of such trust deed and the obligation secured thereby at any 7 time subsequent to the breach or default and prior to the sale of the 8 9 trust property under section 76-1010, the beneficiary shall be allowed to collect the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms 10 of such obligation, or trust deed, including the trustee's fees, costs, 11 and expenses actually incurred, not to exceed the amount provided in the 12
- trust deed or the obligation secured thereby. Original sections 25-2142, 76-1006, and 76-1012, Reissue 14 Sec. 4. Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed. 15