

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 03/18/2013

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Dean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

2 3

4

5 6

8

9

10

11 12

Delete lines 162 - 186 and insert:

legitimate property or lien interest in favor of another person.

1. The court shall determine whether the entire instrument or certain parts thereof are null and void ab initio. If the court finds the instrument null and void in its entirety, it may order the instrument sealed from the official record and removed from any electronic database used for indexing or locating

13

14 15

16

17

18 19

20

2.1 22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30 31

32



instruments in the official record. The court may also, permanently or for a period of time, enjoin the defendant who filed the instrument or who directed the filer to file the instrument, from filing or directing a person to file an instrument in the official records, without prior review and approval for filing by a circuit or county court judge, provided that as to third parties who may have given value for an interest described or granted by any instrument filed in violation of the injunction, the instrument shall be deemed validly filed and provides constructive notice, notwithstanding any failure to comply with the terms of the injunction.

- 2. Upon a finding of intent to defraud or harass, the court shall award actual damages and punitive damages, subject to the criteria in s. 768.72, to the person adversely affected by the instrument. The court may also levy a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each instrument determined to be in violation of subsection (2).
- 3. Granting such other relief or remedy that the court determines is just and proper within its sound judicial discretion.