STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 27, 2023

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to increasing the value of homesteads which are to be exempt from civil judgments

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions (a), (d) and (e) of section 5206 of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by chapter 568 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

- 4 (a) Exemption of homestead. Property of one of the following types, 5 not exceeding [ene] two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, 7 Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and 9 seventy-five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state in value above liens and encumbrances, owned and occupied as a principal residence, is exempt from application to the satisfaction of a money judgment, unless the judgment was recovered wholly for the purchase price thereof:
 - 1. a lot of land with a dwelling thereon,
- 15 2. shares of stock in a cooperative apartment corporation,
 - 3. units of a condominium apartment, or
- 17 4. a mobile home.

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- But no exempt homestead shall be exempt from taxation or from sale for non-payment of taxes or assessments.
- 20 (d) Exemption of homestead exceeding [ene] two hundred fifty thousand 21 dollars in value for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx,
- 22 Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred
- 23 twenty-five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany,
- 24 Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy-five thousand dollars

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for the remaining counties of the state. The exemption of a homestead is not void because the value of the property exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy-five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state but the lien of a judgment attaches to the surplus.

9 (e) Sale of homestead exceeding [$\frac{\text{ene}}{\text{one}}$] $\underline{\text{two}}$ hundred fifty thousand 10 dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, 11 Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty-12 five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy-five thousand dollars for the 13 14 remaining counties of the state in value. A judgment creditor may 15 commence a special proceeding in the county in which the homestead is 16 located against the judgment debtor for the sale, by a sheriff or 17 receiver, of a homestead exceeding [ene] two hundred fifty thousand 18 dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, 19 Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twentyfive thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, 20 21 Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy-five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state in value. The court may direct that the notice of petition be served upon any other person. The court, if it 23 directs such a sale, shall so marshal the proceeds of the sale that the 24 25 right and interest of each person in the proceeds shall correspond as 26 nearly as may be to his right and interest in the property sold. Money, 27 not exceeding [ene] two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties 28 of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, 29 Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the 30 counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and 31 seventy-five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state, 32 paid to a judgment debtor, as representing his interest in the proceeds, is exempt for one year after the payment, unless, before the expiration 33 the year, he acquires an exempt homestead, in which case, the 34 of exemption ceases with respect to so much of the money as was not 35 36 expended for the purchase of that property; and the exemption of the 37 property so acquired extends to every debt against which the property sold was exempt. Where the exemption of property sold as prescribed in 39 this subdivision has been continued after the judgment debtor's death, 40 or where he dies after the sale and before payment to him of his portion the proceeds of the sale, the court may direct that portion of the 41 42 proceeds which represents his interest be invested for the benefit of 43 the person or persons entitled to the benefit of the exemption, or be otherwise disposed of as justice requires.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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