

(b) To create such a lien the Mayor and City Council shall within ninety days following the completion of any such work file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County a statement showing the whole amount expended for any such work, the names of the persons among whom the said sum has been apportioned, the amount apportioned to each and a general description of the property owned by each such person upon which said amounts are to operate as a lien. Such statement shall constitute a lien on said property for five years, and for no longer unless revived as provided in this section.

(c) Any such lien shall be enforceable by *scire facias* issued by the Circuit Court of Allegany County. The writ shall be served by the Sheriff of Allegany County upon the party against whom the lien is filed, or one of them if more than one. It shall be left at the usual place of business or at the usual place of abode of the party, or of one of them, if such place of business or abode is within the City or Allegany County. If such place of business or abode is outside Allegany County, the sheriff shall set up the writ on the land or premises against which the lien is filed, or deliver the writ to any person in possession of such land or premises. The writ shall then be returned to the Circuit Court as "made known."

(d) Upon such *scire facias* the defendants may use any defense which would make the lien void or operate as a discharge thereof, except that no Court of this State shall hear a question as to the validity of such lien upon a matter of form only.

(e) Such *scire facias* may issue at any time within five years from the filing of the statement required hereinabove in this Section. Any defendant intending to dispute the validity of such lien may at any time after the filing of said statement give notice to the Mayor and City Council in writing that he disputes the validity of the lien and wishes to test it so as to free his property from the lien claim. In such case, said lien shall be waived and voided as against said defendant's property, unless within sixty days of receiving such notice from the defendant the Mayor and City Council shall issue a *scire facias* against said property.

(f) All cases following the issue of any such writ shall stand for trial at the first term of Court after the issuing thereof, provided the writ has been properly served on the defendant at least ten days before the commencement of said term.