

defaulting party on whom a copy of the order is served and, unless the court orders otherwise, shall have priority as against any attachment, execution, or assignment.

[(4)] ~~(6)~~ (7) For purposes of this subsection, arrearages in payment shall be computed on the basis of the payments owed and unpaid on the date that, pursuant to law, the defaulting party has been given notice of the application for the earnings lien, and subsequent payment of the arrearages by the defaulting party does not prohibit the court from ordering a lien on the earnings.

(c) (1) Each person for whom support has been ordered shall give notice of any change of address, within a reasonable time after the change and by return-receipt mail, to the court and the employer of the defaulting party and, if the court ordered payments to be made to a State or county officer, to the officer.

(2) An employer or officer who is unable to deliver payments under the lien for a three-month period because the person for whom support has been ordered failed to give the required notice of a change of address may not make further payments under the lien and shall return all undeliverable payments to the employee.

(d) On petition of the defaulting party, the court shall terminate a lien ordered under this section if:

(1) There have been 12 continuous and uninterrupted months of full payment under the lien and all arrearages have been satisfied; or

(2) The employer or officer has been unable to deliver payments under the lien for a three-month period because the person for whom support has been ordered failed to give the required notice of a change of address.

(e) An employer may not use any lien authorized by this section as grounds for reprisal against or the dismissal of the employee.

(f) This section does not limit the authority of the State's attorney or any other State or county officer to utilize any other civil and criminal remedies to enforce spousal or child support obligations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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