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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2476

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law
03/13/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child support judgments; eliminating certain provisions providing for
1.3 20-year survival of judgments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections
1.4 541.04; 548.09, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 541.04, is amended to read:

1.7 **541.04 JUDGMENTS, TEN ~~OR 20~~ YEARS.**

1.8 No action shall be maintained upon a judgment or decree of a court of the United
1.9 States, or of any state or territory thereof, unless begun within ten years after the entry of
1.10 such judgment ~~or, in the case of a judgment for child support, including a judgment by~~
1.11 ~~operation of law, unless begun within 20 years after entry of the judgment.~~

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to this section are effective retroactively
1.13 from April 15, 2010, the date the language stricken in this section was finally enacted.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 548.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Entry and docketing; survival of judgment.** Except as provided
1.16 in section 548.091, every judgment requiring the payment of money shall be entered
1.17 by the court administrator when ordered by the court and will be docketed by the court
1.18 administrator upon the filing of an affidavit as provided in subdivision 2. Upon a transcript
1.19 of the docket being filed with the court administrator in any other county, the court
1.20 administrator shall also docket it. From the time of docketing the judgment is a lien, in
1.21 the amount unpaid, upon all real property in the county then or thereafter owned by the
1.22 judgment debtor, but it is not a lien upon registered land unless it is also recorded pursuant
1.23 to sections 508.63 and 508A.63. The judgment survives, and the lien continues, for ten

2.1 years after its entry ~~or, in the case of a judgment for child support, including a judgment~~
2.2 ~~by operation of law, for 20 years after its entry.~~ Child support judgments may be renewed
2.3 pursuant to section 548.091.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to this section are effective retroactively
2.5 from April 15, 2010, the date the language stricken in this section was finally enacted.