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DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427 - 3273.69] (Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.) PART 4. OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM PARTICULAR TRANSACTIONS [1738 - 3273.69] (Part 4 enacted 1872.) TITLE 14. LIEN [2872 - 3081] ( Title 14 enacted 1872. ) CHAPTER 1. Liens in General [2872 - 2914] (Chapter 1 enacted 1872.)

ARTICLE 1. Definition of Liens [2872 - 2877] (Article 1 enacted 1872.)

2872. A lien is a charge imposed in some mode other than by a transfer in trust upon specific property by which it is made security for the performance of an act.

(Amended by Code Amendments 1877-78, Ch. 74.)

**2873.** Liens are either general or special.

(Enacted 1872.)

2874. A general lien is one which the holder thereof is entitled to enforce as a security for the performance of all the obligations, or all of a particular class of obligations, which exist in his favor against the owner of the property.

(Enacted 1872.)

2875. A special lien is one which the holder thereof can enforce only as security for the performance of a particular act or obligation, and of such obligations as may be incidental thereto.

(Enacted 1872.)

2876. Where the holder of a special lien is compelled to satisfy a prior lien for his own protection, he may enforce payment of the amount so paid by him, as a part of the claim for which his own lien exists.

(Enacted 1872.)

2877. Contracts of mortgage, pledge, bottomry, or respondentia are subject to all of the provisions of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 76, Sec. 13. (AB 383) Effective January 1, 2014.)