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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 6. Extinction of Liens [2909 - 2914]** ( *Article 6 enacted 1872.*  )

**2909.** A lien is to be deemed accessory to the act for the performance of which it is a security, whether any person is bound for such performance or not, and is extinguishable in like manner with any other accessory obligation.

(Enacted 1872.)

**2910.** The sale of any property on which there is a lien, in satisfaction of the claim secured thereby, or in case of personal property, its wrongful conversion by the person holding the lien, extinguishes the lien thereon.

(Enacted 1872.)

**2911.** A lien is extinguished by the lapse of time within which, under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, either:

1. An action can be brought upon the principal obligation, or
2. A treasurer, street superintendent or other public official may sell any real property to satisfy a public improvement assessment or any bond issued to represent such assessment and which assessment is secured by a lien upon said real property; whichever is later.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, any lien heretofore existing or which may hereafter exist upon real property to secure the payment of a public improvement assessment shall be presumed to have been extinguished at the expiration of four years after the due date of such assessment or the last installment thereof, or four years after the date the lien attaches, or on January 1, 1947, whichever is later, or in the event bonds were or shall be issued to represent such assessment, the lien shall then be presumed to have been extinguished at the expiration of four years after the due date of said bonds or of the last installment thereof or of the last principal coupon attached thereto, or on January 1, 1947, whichever is later. The presumptions mentioned in this paragraph shall be conclusive in favor of a bona fide purchaser for value of said property after such dates.

(Amended by Stats. 1945, Ch. 361.)

**2912.** The partial performance of an act secured by a lien does not extinguish the lien upon any part of the property subject thereto, even if it is divisible.

(Enacted 1872.)

**2913.** The voluntary restoration of property to its owner by the holder of a lien thereon dependent upon possession extinguishes the lien as to such property, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, and extinguishes it, notwithstanding any such agreement, as to creditors of the owner and persons, subsequently acquiring a title to the property, or a lien thereon, in good faith, and for value.

(Amended by Stats. 1905, Ch. 459.)

**2914.** None of the provisions of this chapter apply to any transaction or security interest governed by the Uniform Commercial Code.

(Added by Stats. 1963, Ch. 819.)