

CHAPTER 2023-267

Senate Bill No. 1442

An act relating to terrorism; amending s. 772.13, F.S.; specifying that there is no right to a jury trial under specified provisions and that neither defendants nor certain persons may use the resources of the courts of this state in furtherance of a defense or objection to postjudgment collection proceedings in any postjudgment execution proceedings to enforce certain judgments; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 772.13, Florida Statutes, to read:

772.13 Civil remedy for terrorism or facilitating or furthering terrorism.

(6)(a) In any postjudgment execution proceedings to enforce a judgment entered under this section or under 18 U.S.C. s. 2333 or a substantially similar law of the United States or of any state or territory of the United States:

1. There is no right to a jury trial under s. 56.18 or s. 77.08; and

2. A defendant or a person may not use the resources of the courts of this state in furtherance of a defense or objection to postjudgment collection proceedings if the defendant or person purposely leaves the jurisdiction of this state or the United States, declines to enter or reenter this state or the United States to submit to its jurisdiction, or otherwise evades the jurisdiction of the court in which a criminal case is pending against the defendant or person. This subparagraph applies to any entity that is owned or controlled by a person to whom this paragraph applies.

(b) Paragraph (a) applies to any judgment collectible under state law and to any civil action pending or filed on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 2. The Division of Law Revision is directed to replace the phrase “the effective date of this act” wherever it appears in this act with the date this act becomes a law.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2023.

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