

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2305**

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**SUMMARY**

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Allows delivery of writ of garnishment to person designated by sole proprietor to accept service. **Authorizes office delivery of writ of garnishment to partnerships.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to garnishment; amending ORS 18.655.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 18.655 is amended to read:

5 18.655. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a writ of garnishment may be delivered  
6 to any of the following persons:

7 *[(a) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of an individual, the writ*  
8 *may be delivered to the individual. If the individual maintains an office for the conduct of business,*  
9 *office delivery may be made by leaving all of the items required by ORS 18.650 (1) at the office during*  
10 *normal working hours with the person who is apparently in charge. If office delivery is used, the per-*  
11 *son delivering the writ, as soon as reasonably possible, shall cause to be mailed by first class mail all*  
12 *of the items required by ORS 18.650 (1) to the garnishee at the garnishee's place of business or such*  
13 *other place under the circumstances that is most reasonably calculated to apprise the garnishee of the*  
14 *garnishment, together with a statement of the date, time and place at which office delivery was made.*  
15 *Delivery under this paragraph is effective upon the receipt of the writ by the person who is apparently*  
16 *in charge of the office.]*

17 *[(b) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a partnership, the writ*  
18 *may be delivered to any partner or to any person designated by the partnership to accept service of a*  
19 *writ of garnishment. However, if the partnership is a limited partnership, the writ of garnishment may*  
20 *be delivered only to a general partner or to a person designated by the partnership to accept service.]*

21 **(a) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of an individual,**  
22 **the writ may be delivered to the individual. If the individual is the sole proprietor of a busi-**  
23 **ness, the writ may also be delivered to any person designated by the individual to accept**  
24 **service of a writ of garnishment. If the individual maintains an office for the conduct of**  
25 **business, office delivery may be made under subsection (6) of this section.**

26 **(b) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a partnership**  
27 **other than a limited partnership, the writ may be delivered to any partner or to any person**  
28 **designated by the partnership to accept service of a writ of garnishment. If the partnership**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **is a limited partnership, the writ of garnishment may be delivered only to a general partner**  
2 **or to a person designated by the partnership to accept service. If the partnership maintains**  
3 **an office for the conduct of business, office delivery may be made under subsection (6) of this**  
4 **section.**

5 (c) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a corporation, the  
6 writ may be delivered to any officer or managing agent of the corporation or to any person desig-  
7 nated by the corporation to accept service.

8 (d) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a limited liability  
9 company, the writ may be delivered to any member of the company or to any person designated by  
10 the company to accept service.

11 (e) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a financial institution,  
12 the writ may be delivered to the manager, assistant manager or other designated person at any of-  
13 fice or branch of the financial institution where deposits are received or that has been designated  
14 by the institution as a place for receiving writs of garnishment. Delivery of a writ in the manner  
15 prescribed in this paragraph is effective to garnish all property of the debtor held at all offices and  
16 branches of the financial institution located in this state.

17 (f) If the property of the debtor is in the possession, control or custody of a public body, as de-  
18 fined in ORS 174.109, the writ may be delivered to the board, department, institution, commission  
19 or officer charged with approving a claim for the property, or to such person or place as may be  
20 designated by the public body.

21 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 78.1120 (2), if the property of the debtor is money that is owed to the  
22 debtor that is not evidenced by a negotiable instrument, certificate, document or similar instrument,  
23 the writ of garnishment must be delivered to the person who owes the money in the manner pro-  
24 vided by subsection (1) of this section.

25 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 78.1120 (2), if the property of the debtor is stock in a corporation,  
26 other than stock represented by a negotiable certificate or similar instrument, the writ of  
27 garnishment must be delivered to the corporation in the manner provided by subsection (1) of this  
28 section.

29 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 77.6020 and 78.1120, if the property of the debtor is a negotiable in-  
30 strument, certificate, document or similar instrument, the writ of garnishment must be delivered to  
31 the person having possession of the instrument in the manner provided by subsection (1) of this  
32 section. The garnishment does not limit the rights of a holder in due course of a negotiable instru-  
33 ment under ORS 73.0302, a holder to whom a negotiable document has been duly negotiated under  
34 ORS 77.5010 or a protected purchaser of a security under ORS 78.3030.

35 (5) If the property of the debtor is an interest of an heir or legatee in an estate of a decedent,  
36 the writ of garnishment must be delivered to the personal representative of the estate in the manner  
37 provided by subsection (1) of this section.

38 **(6) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section, office delivery may be**  
39 **made by leaving all of the items required by ORS 18.650 (1) at the office during normal**  
40 **working hours with the person who is apparently in charge. If office delivery is used, the**  
41 **person delivering the writ, as soon as reasonably possible, shall cause to be mailed by first**  
42 **class mail all of the items required by ORS 18.650 (1) to the garnishee at the garnishee's**  
43 **place of business or such other place under the circumstances that is most reasonably cal-**  
44 **culated to apprise the garnishee of the garnishment, together with a statement of the date,**  
45 **time and place at which office delivery was made. Office delivery under this subsection is**

1 **effective upon the receipt of the writ by the person who is apparently in charge of the office.**

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