

**572.32 Attorney fees — remedies.**

1. In a court action to enforce a mechanic's lien, a prevailing plaintiff may be awarded reasonable attorney fees.

2. In a court action to challenge a mechanic's lien posted on a residential construction property, if the person challenging the lien prevails, the court may award reasonable attorney fees and actual damages. If the court determines that the mechanic's lien was posted in bad faith or the supporting affidavit was materially false, the court shall award the owner reasonable attorney fees plus an amount not less than five hundred dollars or the amount of the lien, whichever is less.

[83 Acts, ch 106, §1](#); [99 Acts, ch 79, §4](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1105, §22, 27, 28](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1138, §13](#)

Referred to in [§631.1](#)

2012 amendment to section takes effect January 1, 2013; mechanics' liens filed prior to that date shall remain with the clerk of district court of the county in which the building, land, or improvement charged with the lien is situated; [2012 Acts, ch 1105, §27, 28](#)