

**INNKEEPER'S LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF CHARGES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 145 of 1897**

**427.203 Sale of unclaimed property; publication and service of notice, time.**

Sec. 3.

A notice shall be published, at least, 15 days prior to the time of the sale. Said notice shall designate the time and place of holding such sale and contain a brief description of the baggage, articles and chattels to be sold, and said notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the city or town in which such hotel, inn, boarding house, lodging house or furnished apartment is situated; but if there be none, then in such newspaper published nearest said city or town; and shall also be served upon said guest, boarder, lodger, tenant or owner of such chattel articles or property, if he resides or can be found within the county where said hotel, inn, boarding house, lodging house or furnished apartment is situated, by delivering the same to him personally or leaving it at his place of residence with a person of suitable age in charge thereof. But if such guest, boarder, lodger, tenant, or owner does not reside or cannot be found in said county, then said notice shall be deposited in the postoffice of said city or town with the postage prepaid thereon, 15 days prior to said sale, and addressed to said guest, boarder, lodger, tenant, or owner at his place of residence, if his address be known to the keeper of said hotel, inn, boarding house, lodging house or furnished apartment. The sale shall take place between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and all articles sold shall be to the highest bidder for cash.

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