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AN ACT To amend subdivision b of section 14—Discharges, when granted—of the Bankruptcy Act, as amended, and subdivision b of section 58—Notices—the Bankruptcy Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision b of section 14 of the Bankruptcy Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 14b. After the filing fees required to be paid by this Act have been paid in full the court shall make an order fixing a time for the filing of objections to the bankrupt’s discharge which shall be not less than thirty days after the first date set for the first meeting of creditors. Notice of such order shall be given to all parties in interest as provided in section 58b of this Act. If the examination of the bankrupt concerning his acts, conduct, and property has not or will not be completed within the time fixed for the filing of objections to the discharge the court may, upon its own motion or upon motion of the receiver, trustee, a creditor, or any other party in interest or for other cause shown, extend the time for filing such objections. Upon the expiration of the time fixed in such order or of any extension of such time granted by the court, the court shall discharge the bankrupt if no objection has been filed; otherwise, the court shall hear such proofs and pleas as may be made in opposition to the discharge, by the trustee, creditors, the United States attorney, or such other attorney as the Attorney General may designate, at such time as will give the bankrupt and the objecting parties a reasonable opportunity to be fully heard.”

SEC. 2. Subdivision b of section 58 of the Bankruptcy Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“b. The court shall give at least thirty days’ notice by mail of the last day fixed by its order for the filing of objections to a bankrupt’s discharge (1) to the creditors, in the manner prescribed in subdivision a of this section; (2) to the trustee if any and his attorney if any, at their respective addresses as filed by them with the court; and (3) to the United States attorney of the judicial district wherein the proceeding is pending. The court shall also give at least thirty days’ notice by mail of the time and place of a hearing upon objections to a bankrupt’s discharge (1) to the bankrupt, at his last known address as appears in his petition, schedules, list of creditors, or statement of affairs, or, if no address so appears, to his last known address as furnished by the trustee or other party after inquiry; (2) to the bankrupt’s attorney, if any, at his address as filed by him with the court; and (3) to the objecting parties and their attorneys, at their respective addresses as filed by them with the court.”

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