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| 100/Easement by Prescription | **Easement by Prescription**When someone has used another person’s land for a certain period of time as defined by state law, an **easement by prescription** may be claimed. In New Jersey, this *prescriptive period* is 20 years. The claimant’s use must have been continuous, hostile, adverse to owner’s title, exclusive, and without the owner’s approval. Additionally, the use must be visible, open, and notorious.An owner can halt the process by specifically granting permission for use or by cutting off continuous use. That is, a homeowner might give a neighbor written permission to garden the back of the homeowner’s lot. The owner of a shopping mall or plaza often closes the area one night a year, to avoid any claim that the public has gained an easement. When access is reopened the next day, the 20-year period of continuous use begins again from that point.Through **tacking**, successive periods of continuous, uninterrupted occupation by different parties may be combined to reach the prescriptive period. To tack on one person’s possession to that of another, the parties must have been *successors in interest*, such as an ancestor and his or her heir, a landlord and a tenant, or a seller and a buyer. Legal action must be taken to perfect the easement.The user may also sue for actual title (ownership) as discussed in Unit 20. | **Easement by Prescription**When someone has used another person’s land for a certain period of time as defined by state law, an **easement by prescription** may be claimed. The claimant’s use must have been continuous, hostile, adverse to owner’s title, exclusive, and without the owner’s approval. Additionally, the use must be visible, open, and notorious. New Jersey law is silent as to the required number of years, although court cases appear to support a minimum of 20 years of adverse use.An owner can halt the process by specifically granting permission for use or by cutting off continuous use. That is, a homeowner might give a neighbor written permission to garden the back of the homeowner’s lot. The owner of a shopping mall or plaza often closes the area one night a year, to avoid any claim that the public has gained an easement.Through **tacking**, successive periods of continuous, uninterrupted occupation by different parties may be combined to reach the prescriptive period. To tack on one person’s possession to that of another, the parties must have been *successors in interest*, such as an ancestor and his or her heir, a landlord and a tenant, or a seller and a buyer. Regardless, legal action must be taken to perfect the easement. The user may also sue for actual title (ownership) as discussed in Unit 20. |