

# HOUSE BILL No. 4515

March 22, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Byrum, Coulouris, LeBlanc, McDowell, Lahti, Ebli, Bieda, Valentine, Bennett, Angerer, Proos, Wenke and Young and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1836 PA 25, entitled

"An act concerning the records of deeds and other conveyances of land,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.581).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. (1) ~~That~~ **BY MAJORITY VOTE**, the board of supervisors ~~or~~  
2 a majority of them, of all such ~~AN~~ organized counties as have been  
3 **COUNTY THAT IS** attached to ~~other counties~~ **ANOTHER COUNTY** for  
4 judicial purposes, ~~are hereby authorized to~~ **MAY** direct the  
5 register of deeds of their ~~THE BOARD'S~~ county, either in person or  
6 by deputy, to provide a good and sufficient ~~book or books~~, and  
7 procure and record ~~therein~~ **IN THOSE BOOKS** a complete copy of all

1 ~~such deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney, or other instruments~~  
2 ~~relating to the title of land as may belong~~ **BELONGING** ~~to their~~ **THE**  
3 **BOARD'S** county and on record in the county to which it had been so  
4 **IS** attached.  ~~; and it shall be the duty of said register or deputy~~  
5 ~~under his oath of office to certify each and every copy so taken to~~  
6 ~~be a true copy of the original record; and such copy so certified~~  
7 ~~shall be received as evidence in all courts of justice in this~~  
8 ~~state, in the same manner and for the same purposes as the original~~  
9 ~~record would be received.~~

10 (2) BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2005, UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW,  
11 RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT THE SOCIAL  
12 SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN THE INSTRUMENT OR COPIES OF THE  
13 INSTRUMENT, IF A REGISTER OF DEEDS PROVIDES A PERSON A COPY OF AN  
14 INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) THAT  
15 CONTAINS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY  
16 OBSCURE OR REMOVE ALL OR AT LEAST 5 DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
17 NUMBER FROM THE COPY BEFORE PROVIDING IT. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT  
18 APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2007.

19 (3) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW,  
20 RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT THE SOCIAL  
21 SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN THE INSTRUMENT OR COPIES OF THE  
22 INSTRUMENT, IF A REGISTER OF DEEDS PROVIDES A PERSON A COPY OF AN  
23 INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) THAT  
24 CONTAINS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE REGISTER OF DEEDS SHALL  
25 OBSCURE OR REMOVE ALL OR AT LEAST 5 DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
26 NUMBER FROM THE COPY BEFORE PROVIDING IT.

27 (4) IF A REGISTER OF DEEDS PROVIDES A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN

1 INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), THE  
2 REGISTER OF DEEDS OR HIS OR HER DEPUTY SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE COPY  
3 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT AS REFLECTED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD.

4 (5) A COPY OF AN INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS THAT IS  
5 CERTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (4) HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS AN  
6 ORIGINAL FOR ALL LEGAL PURPOSES AND IS ADMISSIBLE IN COURT,  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, OR ELSEWHERE AS EVIDENCE IN THE SAME  
8 MANNER AS AN ORIGINAL OF THE INSTRUMENT.

9 (6) AS USED IN THIS ACT, "BOOKS" INCLUDES A COMPUTERIZED  
10 RECORDING SYSTEM FOR INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE TITLE OF LAND.