

**UNRECORDED DEEDS**  
**Act 188 of 1881**

AN ACT requiring the holders of unrecorded deeds to record such deeds, or furnish the same for record.

**History:** 1881, Act 188, Eff. Sept. 10, 1881.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**565.291 Unrecorded deeds held by grantor; recording.**

Sec. 1. That whenever any grantor, who has heretofore conveyed or shall hereafter convey, any real estate within this state, shall have or hold in his possession any unrecorded deed or deeds through or under which he derived title of any lands by him so conveyed, it shall be his duty on the written request of his grantee or any subsequent grantee, to cause such deed or deeds to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, or cause the same to be delivered to such grantee demanding the same for the purpose of recording, within 20 days from the time when such written request shall have been served upon him.

**History:** 1881, Act 188, Eff. Sept. 10, 1881;—How. 5714;—CL 1897, 9029;—CL 1915, 11764;—CL 1929, 13342;—CL 1948, 565.291.

**565.292 Unrecorded deeds; failure to record or deliver to grantee; penalty; civil liability.**

Sec. 2. If such grantor shall neglect or refuse to record such deed or deliver the same to such grantee after having been requested so to do, as provided in the preceding section, within the time above limited, he shall be liable to said grantee, his heirs, representatives or assigns, in the penal sum of 100 dollars damages, and also for all actual damages occasioned by such neglect or refusal to the person or persons entitled thereto, to be recovered in an action on the case with costs of suit.

**History:** 1881, Act 188, Eff. Sept. 10, 1881;—How. 5715;—CL 1897, 9030;—CL 1915, 11765;—CL 1929, 13343;—CL 1948, 565.292.

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