

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 303

A bill to amend 1875 PA 54, entitled
"An act to facilitate the inspection and reproduction of the
records and files in the offices of the registers of deeds,"
by amending section 1 (MCL 565.551), as amended by 1994 PA 51.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) A register of deeds shall furnish proper and
2 reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the
3 records and files in his or her office, and for making memorandums
4 or transcripts from the records and files during the usual business
5 hours, to an individual having a lawful purpose to examine the
6 records and files. However, the custodian of the records and files
7 may make reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the
8 inspection and examination of the records and files as is necessary
9 to protect the records and files and to prevent interference with

1 the regular discharge of the duties of the register of deeds.

2 (2) If an individual requests a reproduction of a record or
3 file of a register of deeds, the register of deeds shall do 1 of
4 the following, at the register of deeds' option:

5 (a) Reproduce the record or file for the individual pursuant
6 to the records ~~media act, Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1992,~~
7 ~~being sections 24.401 to 24.403 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~
8 **REPRODUCTION ACT, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 TO 24.406**, using a medium
9 selected by the register of deeds. Unless a different fee is
10 provided for by law, the fee for a reproduction under this
11 subdivision other than a paper copy shall not exceed the reasonable
12 costs to the register of deeds.

13 (b) Provide equipment for the individual to reproduce the
14 record or file pursuant to ~~Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1992~~
15 **THE RECORDS REPRODUCTION ACT, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 TO 24.406**,
16 using a medium selected by the register of deeds. Unless a
17 different fee is provided for by law, the fee for a reproduction
18 under this subdivision other than a paper copy shall not exceed the
19 reasonable costs to the register of deeds.

20 (c) Authorize the individual to reproduce the record or file
21 on the premises using equipment provided by that individual. This
22 subdivision does not apply unless the individual requests
23 authorization to reproduce the record or file using equipment
24 provided by that individual.

25 (3) A register of deeds may prohibit the reproduction of an
26 instrument temporarily left with the register of deeds to be
27 recorded in the register of deeds' office.

1 (4) UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT
2 ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT ALL OR MORE THAN 4 SEQUENTIAL DIGITS OF
3 THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN THE RECORD OR FILE, IF A
4 RECORD OR FILE THAT CONTAINS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS REPRODUCED
5 FOR OR BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE REGISTER OF DEEDS
6 MAY OBSCURE OR REMOVE, OR REQUIRE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OBSCURE OR
7 REMOVE, ALL OR AT LEAST, THE FIRST 5 DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
8 NUMBER FROM THE REPRODUCTION BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL REMOVES THE
9 REPRODUCTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

10 (5) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS CONTAINED IN
11 1 OR MORE INSTRUMENTS IN A COUNTY'S BOOKS OF RECORD MAY REQUEST
12 THAT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THAT COUNTY OBSCURE OR REMOVE ALL OR
13 AT LEAST THE FIRST 5 DIGITS OF HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
14 FROM COPIES MADE OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS BY RECORDING AN AFFIDAVIT
15 IDENTIFYING THE LIBER AND PAGE OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS.