

SENATE BILL No. 298

March 1, 2007, Introduced by Senators JANSEN, GILBERT, BIRKHOLZ, VAN WOERKOM, BROWN, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, PAPPAGEORGE, STAMAS and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State 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
8 ~~such~~ deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney, or other instruments

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

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

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

26 (4) IF A REGISTER OF DEEDS PROVIDES A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN
27 INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), THE

1 REGISTER OF DEEDS OR HIS OR HER DEPUTY SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE COPY
2 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT AS REFLECTED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD.

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

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