

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4532**

A bill to amend 1915 PA 79, entitled

"An act to provide certain requirements in written instruments conveying or mortgaging real estate or any interest therein in which there are male grantors, mortgagors or other parties executing the same to entitle the same to record,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.221), as amended by 1980 PA 489.

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

1           Sec. 1. **(1)** All written instruments conveying or mortgaging  
2 real estate or any interest therein, ~~hereafter~~ **IN REAL ESTATE**  
3 executed, ~~shall~~ **AND OFFERED FOR RECORD BEFORE APRIL 6, 2017 MUST**  
4 state whether any ~~and all~~ male grantors, mortgagors, or other  
5 parties executing the instrument are married or single, and the  
6 register of deeds of the county in which the instrument is offered  
7 for record shall refuse to receive the instrument for record unless  
8 it conforms to ~~the provisions of~~ this act.  
9           **(2)** If ~~the~~ **AN** instrument has been recorded in the office of

1 ~~the~~ **A** register of deeds of ~~any county~~ without the instrument  
2 showing the marital status as ~~herein~~ required **BY THIS SECTION**, an  
3 affidavit stating the facts, executed in conformity with ~~the~~  
4 ~~provisions of Act No. 123 of the Public Acts of 1915, as amended,~~  
5 ~~being sections 565.451a to 565.453 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~  
6 **1915 PA 123, MCL 565.451A TO 565.453**, may be recorded in the  
7 register's office. Upon the recording of the affidavit showing the  
8 marital status of the male grantor, mortgagor, or party executing,  
9 on the date of the instrument, the record of the affidavit and the  
10 record of the instrument ~~shall be~~ **ARE** effectual for all purposes ~~of~~  
11 **AS** a legal record, and the record of the instrument and affidavit  
12 or a transcript ~~thereof~~ **OF THEM** may be given in evidence in all  
13 cases, and the instrument ~~shall~~ **MUST** be construed to be as valid  
14 and effectual as if it had contained a statement showing the  
15 marital status of the male ~~person or persons~~ **INDIVIDUAL OR**  
16 **INDIVIDUALS** executing it.

17 (3) If an instrument **OFFERED FOR RECORD BEFORE APRIL 6, 2017**  
18 has been recorded in the office of ~~the~~ **A** register of deeds of ~~any~~  
19 ~~county~~ without the instrument showing the marital status as ~~herein~~  
20 required **UNDER THIS SECTION**, and a ~~period of 10~~ years has elapsed  
21 since the recording, ~~of the instrument,~~ the record of the  
22 instrument or a transcript ~~thereof~~ **OF IT** may be given in evidence  
23 in all cases and ~~shall be~~ **IS** effectual for all purposes ~~of~~ **AS** a  
24 legal record and the instrument ~~shall~~ **MUST** be construed to be as  
25 valid and effectual as if it had contained a statement showing the  
26 marital status of the male ~~person or persons~~ **INDIVIDUAL OR**  
27 **INDIVIDUALS** executing it.