

# HOUSE BILL No. 4516

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

A bill to amend 1937 PA 103, entitled

"An act to prescribe certain conditions relative to the execution of instruments entitled to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.201), as amended by 2002 PA 19.

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

1           Sec. 1. (1) An instrument executed after October 29, 1937 by  
2           which the title to or any interest in real estate is conveyed,  
3           assigned, encumbered, or otherwise disposed of shall not be  
4           ~~received for record~~ **RECORDED AT LENGTH** by the register of deeds of  
5           any county of this state unless that instrument complies with each  
6           of the following requirements:

7           (a) The name of each person purporting to execute the

1 instrument is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped beneath the  
2 original signature or mark of the person.

3 (b) A discrepancy does not exist between the name of each  
4 person as printed, typewritten, or stamped beneath their signature  
5 and the name as recited in the acknowledgment or jurat on the  
6 instrument.

7 (c) The name of any notary public whose signature appears upon  
8 the instrument is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped upon the  
9 instrument immediately beneath the signature of that notary public.

10 (d) The address of each of the grantees in each deed of  
11 conveyance or assignment of real estate, including the street  
12 number address if located within territory where street number  
13 addresses are in common use, or, if not, the post office address,  
14 is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped on the instrument.

15 (e) If the instrument is executed before April 1, 1997, each  
16 sheet of the instrument is all of the following:

17 (i) Typewritten or printed in type not smaller than 8-point  
18 size.

19 (ii) Not more than 8-1/2 by 14 inches.

20 (iii) Legible.

21 (iv) On paper of not less than 13 (17x22-500) pound weight.

22 (f) If the instrument is executed after April 1, 1997, each  
23 sheet of the instrument complies with all of the following  
24 requirements:

25 (i) Has a margin of unprinted space that is at least 2-1/2  
26 inches at the top of the first page and at least 1/2 inch on all  
27 remaining sides of each page.

1           (ii) Subject to subsection (3), displays on the first line of  
2 print on the first page of the instrument a single statement  
3 identifying the recordable event that the instrument evidences.

4           (iii) Is electronically, mechanically, or hand printed in 10-  
5 point type or the equivalent of 10-point type.

6           (iv) Is legibly printed in black ink on white paper that is not  
7 less than 20-pound weight.

8           (v) Is not less than 8-1/2 inches wide and 11 inches long or  
9 more than 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches long.

10          (vi) Contains no attachment that is less than 8-1/2 inches wide  
11 and 11 inches long or more than 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches  
12 long.

13           **(G) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW,**  
14 **RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT ALL OR MORE**  
15 **THAN 4 SEQUENTIAL DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN**  
16 **THE INSTRUMENT, ALL OR AT LEAST 5 DIGITS OF ANY SOCIAL SECURITY**  
17 **NUMBER APPEARING IN OR ON THE INSTRUMENT ARE OBSCURED OR REMOVED.**

18          (2) Subsection (1)(e) and (f) ~~do~~**DOES** not apply to instruments  
19 executed outside this state or to the filing or recording of a plat  
20 or other instrument, the size of which is regulated by law.

21          (3) A register of deeds shall not record an instrument  
22 executed after April 1, 1997 if the instrument purports to evidence  
23 more than 1 recordable event.

24          (4) Any instrument received and recorded by a register of  
25 deeds shall be conclusively presumed to comply with this act. The  
26 requirements contained in this act are cumulative to the  
27 requirements imposed by any other act relating to the recording of

1 instruments.

2           (5) An instrument that complies with the provisions of this  
3 act and any other act relating to the recording of instruments  
4 shall not be rejected for recording because of the content of the  
5 instrument.