565.491 Instruments recordation; reproductions; delivery; social security number.

Sec. 1. (1) A register of deeds, upon the payment of the proper fee, shall record or cause to be recorded, at length, upon the pages of the proper record books in his or her office reproductions pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406, of all deeds, mortgages, maps, and instruments or writings authorized by law to be recorded in his or her office, and left with him or her for that purpose. If the register of deeds receives an instrument to be recorded, he or she shall not deliver it to the parties, or either of them, or permit the instrument to go out of his or her office before it is duly entered at large upon the record.

(2) Unless state or federal law, rule, regulation, or court order or rule requires that all or more than 4 sequential digits of the social security number appear in the instrument, beginning on 1 of the following dates a register of deeds shall not receive an instrument or reproduction of an instrument for recording unless the first 5 digits of any social security number appearing in or on the instrument or reproduction are obscured or removed:
   (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.
   (b) For an instrument or reproduction presented to the register of deeds by the department of treasury, April 1, 2008.