565.844 Establishment of standards by electronic recording commission; powers of county register of deeds; acceptance of paper documents; placement of entries in index; verified transactional relationship; electronic documents recorded before establishment of standards.

Sec. 4. (1) A county register of deeds who implements any of the functions listed in subsection (2) shall do so in compliance with any standards established by the electronic recording commission.

(2) A county register of deeds may do any of the following:
   (a) Receive, index, store, archive, and transmit electronic documents.
   (b) Provide for access to, and for search and retrieval of, documents and information by electronic means.
   (c) Convert paper documents accepted for recording into electronic form.
   (d) Convert into electronic form information recorded before the county register of deeds began to record electronic documents.
   (e) Accept electronically any fee or tax that the county register of deeds is authorized to collect.
   (f) Agree with other officials of a state or a political subdivision of a state, or of the United States, on procedures or processes to facilitate the electronic satisfaction of prior approvals and conditions precedent to recording and the electronic payment of fees or taxes.

(3) A county register of deeds who accepts electronic documents for recording shall continue to accept paper documents for recording as authorized by state law. The county register of deeds shall place entries for both types of documents in the same index.

(4) A county register of deeds shall only accept electronic documents for recording from a person with which the county register of deeds has entered into an agreement establishing a verified transactional relationship.

(5) This act does not invalidate electronic documents recorded under this act, the uniform electronic transactions act, 2000 PA 305, MCL 450.831 to 450.849, or the federal electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, 15 USC 7001 to 7031, before the establishment of standards under this act by the electronic recording commission.