

SENATE BILL No. 303

March 1, 2007, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, JANSEN, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, BROWN, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, PAPPAGEORGE, STAMAS and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend 1875 PA 54, entitled

"An act to facilitate the inspection and reproduction of the records and files in the offices of the registers of deeds,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.551), as amended by 1994 PA 51.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) A register of deeds shall furnish proper and
2 reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the
3 records and files in his or her office, and for making memorandums
4 or transcripts from the records and files during the usual business
5 hours, to an individual having a lawful purpose to examine the
6 records and files. However, the custodian of the records and files
7 may make reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the
8 inspection and examination of the records and files as is necessary

1 to protect the records and files and to prevent interference with
2 the regular discharge of the duties of the register of deeds.

3 (2) If an individual requests a reproduction of a record or
4 file of a register of deeds, the register of deeds shall do 1 of
5 the following, at the register of deeds' option:

6 (a) Reproduce the record or file for the individual pursuant
7 to the records ~~media act, Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1992,~~
8 ~~being sections 24.401 to 24.403 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~
9 **REPRODUCTION ACT, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 TO 24.406**, using a medium
10 selected by the register of deeds. Unless a different fee is
11 provided for by law, the fee for a reproduction under this
12 subdivision other than a paper copy shall not exceed the reasonable
13 costs to the register of deeds.

14 (b) Provide equipment for the individual to reproduce the
15 record or file pursuant to ~~Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1992~~
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17 using a medium selected by the register of deeds. Unless a
18 different fee is provided for by law, the fee for a reproduction
19 under this subdivision other than a paper copy shall not exceed the
20 reasonable costs to the register of deeds.

21 (c) Authorize the individual to reproduce the record or file
22 on the premises using equipment provided by that individual. This
23 subdivision does not apply unless the individual requests
24 authorization to reproduce the record or file using equipment
25 provided by that individual.

26 (3) A register of deeds may prohibit the reproduction of an
27 instrument temporarily left with the register of deeds to be

1 recorded in the register of deeds' office.

2 (4) BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2005, UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW,
3 RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT ALL OR MORE
4 THAN 4 SEQUENTIAL DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN
5 THE RECORD OR FILE, IF A RECORD OR FILE THAT CONTAINS A SOCIAL
6 SECURITY NUMBER IS REPRODUCED FOR OR BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (2), THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY OBSCURE OR REMOVE, OR
8 REQUIRE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OBSCURE OR REMOVE, ALL OR AT LEAST 5
9 DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FROM THE REPRODUCTION BEFORE
10 THE INDIVIDUAL REMOVES THE REPRODUCTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
11 REGISTER OF DEEDS. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY AFTER DECEMBER
12 31, 2007.

13 (5) 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 RECORD OR FILE, IF A RECORD OR FILE THAT CONTAINS A SOCIAL
17 SECURITY NUMBER IS REPRODUCED FOR OR BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER
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21 THE INDIVIDUAL REMOVES THE REPRODUCTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
22 REGISTER OF DEEDS.