

HOUSE BILL No. 5322

November 12, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Middaugh and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of 1875, entitled

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

being section 565.551 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and section 1 of Act No. 54 of the
2 Public Acts of 1875, being section 565.551 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 TITLE

5 An act to facilitate the inspection AND REPRODUCTION of the
6 records and files in the offices of the registers of deeds.

7 Sec. 1. (1) ~~That the registers~~ A REGISTER of deeds ~~in~~
8 ~~this state~~ shall furnish proper and reasonable facilities for
9 the inspection and examination of the records and files in ~~their~~

1 ~~respective offices~~ HIS OR HER OFFICE, and for making memorandums
2 or transcripts ~~therefrom~~ FROM THE RECORDS AND FILES during the
3 usual business hours, to ~~all persons~~ AN INDIVIDUAL having
4 ~~occasion to make examination of them for any~~ A lawful purpose
5 TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS AND FILES. ~~-. Provided, That~~ HOWEVER,
6 the custodian of ~~said~~ THE records and files may make ~~such~~
7 reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the inspection
8 and examination of ~~them as shall be~~ THE RECORDS AND FILES AS IS
9 necessary ~~for the protection of said~~ TO PROTECT THE records and
10 files ~~and to prevent the~~ interference with the regular dis-
11 charge of the duties of ~~said register. And provided further,~~
12 ~~That said~~ THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

13 (2) A register of deeds may prohibit ~~the use of pen and ink~~
14 ~~in making copies or~~ AN INDIVIDUAL FROM MAKING notes of records
15 and files ~~, but shall permit the use of photography for making~~
16 ~~copies of records and files~~ BY PEN AND INK AND MAY PROHIBIT AN
17 INDIVIDUAL FROM COPYING OR REPRODUCING RECORDS AND FILES BY PEN
18 AND INK, PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTOCOPY, OR OTHER MEANS. HOWEVER, IF
19 REQUESTED, A REGISTER OF DEEDS SHALL REPRODUCE RECORDS AND FILES
20 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL BY PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTOCOPY, OR OTHER MEANS AS
21 DETERMINED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.