



HOUSE BILL No. 4193

February 9, 1993, Introduced by Rep. Middaugh and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

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

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

as amended by Act No. 112 of the Public Acts of 1992, being section 565.551 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of
2 1875, as amended by Act No. 112 of the Public Acts of 1992, being
3 section 565.551 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 1. (1) A register of deeds shall furnish proper and
6 reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the
7 records and files in his or her office, and for making
8 memorandums or transcripts from the records and files during the

1 usual business hours, to ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL having
2 ~~occasion to make examination of the records and files for any~~ A
3 lawful purpose TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS AND FILES. However, the
4 custodian of the records and files may make reasonable rules and
5 regulations with reference to the inspection and examination of
6 the records and files as is necessary to protect the records and
7 files and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of
8 the duties of the register of deeds.

9 (2) IF REQUESTED, A REGISTER OF DEEDS SHALL REPRODUCE A
10 RECORD OR FILE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PURSU-
11 ANT TO THE RECORDS MEDIA ACT, ACT NO. 116 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
12 1992, BEING SECTIONS 24.401 TO 24.403 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED
13 LAWS, USING A MEDIUM SELECTED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS. A regis-
14 ter of deeds may prohibit ~~the use of pen and ink in making~~
15 ~~reproductions or notes of records and files, but shall permit the~~
16 ~~reproduction of records and files pursuant to the records media~~
17 ~~act. A register of deeds may prohibit the reproduction~~ AN INDI-
18 VIDUAL FROM MAKING A REPRODUCTION OF A RECORD OR FILE OF THE REG-
19 ISTER OF DEEDS OR of an instrument temporarily left with the reg-
20 ister of deeds to be recorded in ~~his or her~~ THE REGISTER OF
21 DEEDS' office.