

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 298

A bill to amend 1836 PA 25, entitled
"An act concerning the records of deeds and other conveyances of
land,"
by amending section 1 (MCL 565.581).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) ~~That~~ **BY MAJORITY VOTE**, the board of supervisors ~~or~~
2 ~~a majority of them, of all such~~ **AN** organized counties ~~as have been~~
3 **COUNTY THAT IS** attached to ~~other counties~~ **ANOTHER COUNTY** for
4 judicial purposes ~~, are hereby authorized to~~ **MAY** direct the
5 register of deeds of ~~their~~ **THE BOARD'S** county, either in person or
6 by deputy, to provide a ~~good and sufficient book or books, and~~
7 procure and record ~~therein~~ **IN THOSE BOOKS** a complete copy of all
8 ~~such~~ deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney, or other instruments
9 relating to the title of land ~~as may belong~~ **BELONGING** to ~~their~~ **THE**

1 **BOARD'S** county and on record in the county to which it ~~had been so~~
2 **IS** attached; and it ~~shall be~~ **IS** the duty of ~~said~~ **THAT** register or
3 deputy under his **OR HER** oath of office to certify each and every
4 copy so taken to be a true copy of the original record; and ~~such~~
5 **EACH** copy so certified shall be received as evidence in all courts
6 ~~of justice~~ in this state, in the same manner and for the same
7 purposes as the original record would be received.

8 (2) **UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR COURT**
9 **ORDER OR RULE REQUIRES THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER APPEAR IN**
10 **THE INSTRUMENT OR COPIES OF THE INSTRUMENT, IF A REGISTER OF DEEDS**
11 **PROVIDES A PERSON A COPY OF AN INSTRUMENT FROM A BOOK OF RECORDS**
12 **THAT CONTAINS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY**
13 **OBSCURE OR REMOVE ALL OR AT LEAST THE FIRST 5 DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL**
14 **SECURITY NUMBER FROM THE COPY BEFORE PROVIDING IT.**

15 (3) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS CONTAINED IN**
16 **1 OR MORE INSTRUMENTS IN A COUNTY'S BOOKS OF RECORD MAY REQUEST**
17 **THAT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THAT COUNTY OBSCURE OR REMOVE ALL OR**
18 **AT LEAST THE FIRST 5 DIGITS OF HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
19 **FROM COPIES MADE OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS BY RECORDING AN AFFIDAVIT**
20 **IDENTIFYING THE LIBER AND PAGE OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS.**

21 (4) **AS USED IN THIS ACT, "BOOKS" INCLUDES A COMPUTERIZED**
22 **RECORDING SYSTEM FOR INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE TITLE OF LAND.**