HOUSE BILL No. 4582

April 5, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Bennett and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled

"Revised judicature act of 1961,"

by amending section 2567 (MCL 600.2567), as amended by 2004 PA 538.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2567. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), a
- 2 register of deeds is entitled to the following fees, which are not
- 3 taxable as costs except as indicated:
- 4 (a) For entering and recording a deed, mortgage, certified
- 5 copy of an attachment, notice of the pendency of a suit, or other
- 6 instrument, \$8.00 for the first page and \$3.00 for each additional
- 7 and succeeding page. The fee shall be paid when the deed, mortgage,
- 8 certified copy of an attachment, notice of the pendency of a suit,
 - or other instrument is left for record. The register of deeds shall

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- 1 deposit \$5.00 of the total fee collected for each recording into
- 2 the automation fund if a fund has been established under section
- 3 2568. For any document that assigns or discharges more than 1
- 4 instrument, \$3.00 shall be added to the recording fee for each
- 5 additional instrument assigned or discharged.
- 6 (b) For copies of any records or papers, if required, \$1.00
- 7 \$7.00 per page, taxable as costs if otherwise allowed.
- 8 (c) For a seal to exemplification, \$1.00.
- 9 (d) For searching the records and files, on request, by the
- 10 office of the register of deeds, 50 cents for each year for which
- 11 grantor/grantee searches are made, with a minimum fee of \$5.00,
- 12 except that the fee for tract index searches shall be based upon
- 13 the cost of establishing and maintaining a tract index.
- (e) For filing every other paper, and making an entry of it,
- 15 if necessary, \$1.00, unless otherwise specifically provided for.
- 16 (f) For searching for every other paper, on request, by the
- 17 office of the register of deeds, \$1.00 for each paper examined.
- 18 (2) In addition to any other fees prescribed in subsection (1)
- 19 or (3), a register of deeds shall collect a fee of \$2.00 for
- 20 entering and recording a deed, mortgage, certified copy of an
- 21 attachment, notice of the pendency of a suit, or other instrument.
- 22 The fee shall be paid when the deed, mortgage, certified copy of an
- 23 attachment, notice of the pendency of a suit, or other instrument
- 24 is left for record.
- 25 (3) A charter county may impose a fee schedule by ordinance or
- 26 resolution with different amounts than the amounts prescribed by
- 27 subsection (1). A charter county shall not impose a fee that is

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- 1 greater than the cost of the service for which the fee is charged.
- 2 (4) As used in this section, "page" means 1 side of a single
- 3 sheet of paper at least 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in length and not
- 4 exceeding 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches in length and not less than 20-
- 5 pound weight.