

Legislative Analysis



UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT

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House Bill 5812

Sponsor: Rep. Ken Yonker

Committee: Local Government

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5812 AS INTRODUCED 9-16-14

House Bill 5812 would amend the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act to modify the meeting requirements of the governor-appointed, 8-member Electronic Recording Commission which operates within the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget. The commission adopts standards and practices to guide the work of county Registers of Deeds, as they ensure their electronic documents are accurate, authentic, adequately preserved, and resistant to tampering.

Now under the law, the commission must "meet at least *quarterly*, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson, or if requested by five or more members." House Bill 5812 would modify this provision to require instead that the commission "meet at least *annually*, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson, or if requested by five or more members."

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government. Because commission members may be reimbursed for expenses, reducing the frequency of commission meetings could generate minimal savings for the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget; however, the department reports that no commission members sought reimbursement for meetings held in 2013.

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