

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4729

April 29, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Cherry, Manoogian and Marino and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1875 PA 54, entitled  
"An act to facilitate the inspection and reproduction of the  
records and files in the offices of the registers of deeds,"  
by amending section 1 (MCL 565.551), as amended by 2007 PA 58.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. (1) A register of deeds shall furnish proper and  
2       reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the  
3       records and files in his or her office, and for making memorandums  
4       or transcripts from the records and files during the usual business  
5       hours, to an individual having a lawful purpose to examine the

1 records and files. However, the custodian of the records and files  
 2 may make reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the  
 3 inspection and examination of the records and files as is necessary  
 4 to protect the records and files and to prevent interference with  
 5 the regular discharge of the duties of the register of deeds.

6 (2) If an individual requests a reproduction of a record or  
 7 file of a register of deeds, the register of deeds shall do 1 of  
 8 the following, at the ~~register of deeds'~~**requestor's** option:

9 (a) Reproduce the record or file for the individual pursuant  
 10 to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406,  
 11 using a medium ~~selected by~~**specified by the requester, if available**  
 12 **to the register of deeds. If the medium specified by the requestor**  
 13 **is not available, the register of deeds shall, at the option of the**  
 14 **requestor, either furnish the record or file in the format in which**  
 15 **it is maintained by the register of deeds or in a paper format.**

16 Unless a different fee is provided for by law, the fee for a  
 17 reproduction under this subdivision other than a paper copy ~~shall~~  
 18 **must** not exceed the reasonable costs to the register of deeds.

19 (b) Provide equipment for the individual to reproduce the  
 20 record or file pursuant to the records reproduction act, 1992 PA  
 21 116, MCL 24.401 to 24.406, using a medium ~~selected by~~**specified by**  
 22 **the requestor, if feasible for** the register of deeds. Unless a  
 23 different fee is provided for by law, the fee for a reproduction  
 24 under this subdivision other than a paper copy ~~shall~~**must** not  
 25 exceed the reasonable costs to the register of deeds.

26 (c) Authorize the individual to reproduce the record or file  
 27 on the premises using equipment provided by that individual. This  
 28 subdivision does not apply unless the individual requests  
 29 authorization to reproduce the record or file using equipment

1 provided by that individual.

2 (3) A register of deeds may prohibit the reproduction of an  
3 instrument temporarily left with the register of deeds to be  
4 recorded in the register of deeds' office.

5 (4) Unless state or federal law, rule, regulation, or court  
6 order or rule requires that all or more than 4 sequential digits of  
7 the ~~social security~~ **Social Security** number **of an individual** appear  
8 in the record or file, if a record or file that contains a ~~social~~  
9 ~~security~~ **Social Security** number is reproduced for or by an  
10 individual under subsection (2), the register of deeds may obscure  
11 or remove, or require that the individual obscure or remove all or  
12 at least the first 5 digits of the ~~social security~~ **Social Security**  
13 number from the reproduction before the individual removes the  
14 reproduction from the office of the register of deeds.

15 (5) An individual whose ~~social security~~ **Social Security** number  
16 is contained in 1 or more instruments in a county's books of record  
17 may request that the register of deeds of that county obscure or  
18 remove all or at least the first 5 digits of his or her ~~social~~  
19 ~~security~~ **Social Security** number from copies made of those  
20 instruments by recording an affidavit identifying the liber and  
21 page of those instruments.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
23 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are  
24 enacted into law:

25 (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4732 (request no.  
26 01329'21).

27 (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4730 (request no.  
28 01331'21).

29 (c) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4731 (request no.

**1** 01443'21) .