

SOLICITATION OF DEEDS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 79 of 2016

445.1033 Soliciting fee for providing copy of deed; statement on document required; contents; form; rules; fee; limitation; furnishing copy of document to county office of register of deeds.

Sec. 3. (1) A person soliciting a fee for providing a copy of a deed or a free copy of a deed in connection with the solicitation for any other service or product shall state on the top of the document used for the solicitation, in at least 24-point type, all of the following:

- (a) That the solicitation is not from a public body.
- (b) That no action is legally required by the person being solicited.
- (c) The statutory fee for, or the cost of, obtaining a copy of the deed from the public body that has custody of the record.
- (d) The information necessary to contact the public body that has custody of the deed.
- (e) The name and physical address of the person soliciting the fee.

(2) The document used for a solicitation under this section shall not be in a form or use deadline dates or other language that makes the document appear to be a document issued by a public body or that appears to impose a legal duty on the person being solicited. The department may promulgate rules specifying the contents and form of the solicitation document.

(3) A person soliciting a fee for providing a copy of a deed shall not charge a fee of more than 4 times the statutory fee charged by the public body that has custody of the deed for a copy of that deed.

(4) A person soliciting a fee from property owners for providing a copy of a deed shall furnish the office of the register of deeds of each county where the solicitations are to be distributed with a copy of the document that will be used for those solicitations not less than 15 days before distributing the solicitations.

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