

REVISED STATUTES OF 1846

CHAPTER 14

Chapter 14. Of County Officers.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

53.89 Register of deeds; bond; penal sum; approval; surety.

Sec. 89. As determined by the county board of commissioners, the register of deeds either shall be covered by a blanket bond or shall give a bond to the people of this state in the penal sum of at least \$3,000.00. The individual bond shall be approved by the county board of commissioners and secured by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 437;—CL 1871, 579;—How. 607;—CL 1897, 2610;—CL 1915, 2472;—CL 1929, 1373;—CL 1948, 53.89;—Am. 1964, Act 255, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1964;—Am. 1974, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 1974;—Am. 1978, Act 635, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1979.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 90.

53.90 Register of deeds; office, location; fees and compensation.

Sec. 90. The register shall keep his office at the seat of justice for the county, and shall receive such fees and compensation for his services as may be provided by law.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 438;—CL 1871, 580;—How. 608;—CL 1897, 2611;—CL 1915, 2473;—CL 1929, 1374;—CL 1948, 53.90.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 91.

53.91 Register of deeds; deputy; appointment; oath of office; revocation; filing.

Sec. 91. (1) The register of deeds shall appoint a deputy or deputies, 1 of whom shall serve as the chief deputy. The register shall employ personnel necessary to perform the functions and duties of the office of register of deeds. The number of employees shall be approved by the county board of commissioners.

(2) Before taking office, a person appointed under this section shall take the constitutional oath of office as required by section 1 of 1951 PA 22, MCL 15.151.

(3) The register of deeds may revoke his or her appointment at any time.

(4) An appointment or revocation made under this section shall be in writing and filed with the county clerk.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 439;—CL 1871, 581;—How. 609;—CL 1897, 2612;—CL 1915, 2474;—CL 1929, 1375;—CL 1948, 53.91;—Am. 2004, Act 440, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2004.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 92.

53.92 Deputy; acting as register of deeds.

Sec. 92. In case of a vacancy in the office of the register of deeds, or his absence or inability to perform the duties of his office, such deputy shall perform the duties of register during the continuance of such vacancy or disability.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 440;—CL 1871, 582;—How. 610;—CL 1897, 2613;—CL 1915, 2475;—CL 1929, 1376;—CL 1948, 53.92.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 93.

53.93 Register of deeds; vacancies, filling by appointment of probate judge.

Sec. 93. If, during a vacancy in the office of the register of deeds, or his absence or inability to perform the duties of his office, there shall be no deputy register, or if such deputy be unable from any cause to perform the said duties, the judge of probate of the county may by writing under his hand, appoint some suitable person to perform the duties of register of deeds for the time being, who shall take an oath of office, and give such bond as the said judge shall direct and approve.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 441;—CL 1871, 583;—Am. 1877, Act 76, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;—How. 611;—CL 1897, 2614;—CL 1915, 2476;—CL 1929, 1377;—CL 1948, 53.93.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 94.

53.94 Register of deeds; records, form, binding.

Sec. 94. The board of supervisors of each county shall, from time to time, provide suitable books, at the expense of the county, for the entering and recording of all deeds and matters required by law to be entered

and recorded by the register of deeds. Such books may be of detachable leaves in a binder which admits of its being kept locked so that it shall be impossible for any leaves to be removed therefrom or inserted therein except by or under the direction of the register of deeds, and all the pages thereof, shall be consecutively numbered before any record is made thereon. Such record may be made wholly or partly with a typewriter if ink of a permanent character is used therewith. When the number of leaves in any binder shall constitute a book of a proper and convenient size they shall be permanently bound in some manner, but may be retained in the original binder or placed in a transfer binder if the mechanism thereof permits of so securing such leaves therein that they cannot be removed therefrom with or without a key.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 14;—CL 1857, 442;—CL 1871, 584;—How. 612;—CL 1897, 2615;—Am. 1915, Act 77, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915 ;—CL 1915, 2477;—CL 1929, 1378;—CL 1948, 53.94.

Compiler's note: This section as originally enacted was numbered section 95.