

SENATE BILL No. 554

May 29, 2007, Introduced by Senator VAN WOERKOM and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 103, entitled

"An act to prescribe certain conditions relative to the execution of instruments entitled to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.201), as amended by 2002 PA 19.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) An instrument executed after October 29, 1937 by
2 which the title to or any interest in real estate is conveyed,
3 assigned, encumbered, or otherwise disposed of shall not be
4 received for record by the register of deeds of any county of this
5 state unless that instrument complies with each of the following
6 requirements:

7 (a) The name of each person purporting to execute the

1 instrument is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped beneath the
2 original signature or mark of the person.

3 (b) A discrepancy does not exist between the name of each
4 person as printed, typewritten, or stamped beneath their signature
5 and the name as recited in the acknowledgment or jurat on the
6 instrument.

7 (c) The name of any notary public whose signature appears upon
8 the instrument is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped upon the
9 instrument immediately beneath the signature of that notary public.

10 (d) The address of each of the grantees in each deed of
11 conveyance or assignment of real estate, including the street
12 number address if located within territory where street number
13 addresses are in common use, or, if not, the post office address,
14 is legibly printed, typewritten, or stamped on the instrument.

15 **(E) A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE ROAD OR STREET BY WHICH THE**
16 **REAL ESTATE MAY BE ACCESSED IS A STATE, COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, OR**
17 **PRIVATE ROAD OR STREET.**

18 **(F)** ~~(e)~~—If the instrument is executed before April 1, 1997,
19 each sheet of the instrument is all of the following:

20 (i) Typewritten or printed in type not smaller than 8-point
21 size.

22 (ii) Not more than 8-1/2 by 14 inches.

23 (iii) Legible.

24 (iv) On paper of not less than 13 (17x22–500) pound weight.

25 **(G)** ~~(f)~~—If the instrument is executed after April 1, 1997,
26 each sheet of the instrument complies with all of the following
27 requirements:

1 (i) Has a margin of unprinted space that is at least 2-1/2
2 inches at the top of the first page and at least 1/2 inch on all
3 remaining sides of each page.

4 (ii) Subject to subsection (3), displays on the first line of
5 print on the first page of the instrument a single statement
6 identifying the recordable event that the instrument evidences.

7 (iii) Is electronically, mechanically, or hand printed in 10-
8 point type or the equivalent of 10-point type.

9 (iv) Is legibly printed in black ink on white paper that is not
10 less than 20-pound weight.

11 (v) Is not less than 8-1/2 inches wide and 11 inches long or
12 more than 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches long.

13 (vi) Contains no attachment that is less than 8-1/2 inches wide
14 and 11 inches long or more than 8-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches
15 long.

16 (2) Subsection ~~(1)(e)~~ **(1)(F)** and ~~(f)~~ **(G)** do not apply to
17 instruments executed outside this state or to the filing or
18 recording of a plat or other instrument, the size of which is
19 regulated by law.

20 (3) A register of deeds shall not record an instrument
21 executed after April 1, 1997 if the instrument purports to evidence
22 more than 1 recordable event.

23 (4) Any instrument received and recorded by a register of
24 deeds shall be conclusively presumed to comply with this act. The
25 requirements contained in this act are cumulative to the
26 requirements imposed by any other act relating to the recording of
27 instruments.

1 (5) An instrument that complies with the provisions of this
2 act and any other act relating to the recording of instruments
3 shall not be rejected for recording because of the content of the
4 instrument.