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Senate Bill 284 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 79 of 1915, which requires written instruments conveying or mortgaging interests in real estate to indicate the parties' marital status, to limit that requirement to instruments offered for record before April 6, 2017.

Under the Act, all instruments conveying or mortgaging real estate or any interest in real estate executed must state whether any male grantors, mortgagors, or other parties executing the instrument are married or single, and the register of deeds of the county in which an instrument is offered for record must refuse to record it unless the instrument conforms to the Act.

Also, if an instrument has been recorded in the office of a register of deeds without the statement of marital status, and 10 years have passed since the recording, the record of the instrument or a transcript of it may be given in evidence in all cases, is effective for all purposes of a legal record, and must be construed to be as valid and effectual as if it had contained the required statement.

Under the bill, these provision would apply to instruments offered for record before April 6, 2017.

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Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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