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SENATE BILL No. 284

March 29, 2017, Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

A bill to amend 1915 PA 79, entitled

"An act to provide certain requirements in written instruments conveying or mortgaging real estate or any interest therein in which there are male grantors, mortgagors or other parties executing the same to entitle the same to record,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 565.221), as amended by 1980 PA 489.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. (1) All written instruments conveying or mortgaging

- real estate or any interest therein, hereafter IN REAL ESTATE

 executed , shall AND OFFERED FOR RECORD BEFORE APRIL 6, 2017 MUST

 state whether any and all male grantors, mortgagors, or other

 parties executing the instrument are married or single, and the
- 6 register of deeds of the county in which the instrument is offered
- 7 for record shall refuse to receive the instrument for record unless
- ${f 8}$ it conforms to the provisions of this act.
 - (2) If the AN instrument has been recorded in the office of

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- 1 the A register of deeds of any county without the instrument
- 2 showing the marital status as herein required BY THIS SECTION, an
- 3 affidavit stating the facts, executed in conformity with the
- 4 provisions of Act No. 123 of the Public Acts of 1915, as amended,
- 5 being sections 565.451a to 565.453 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,
- 6 1915 PA 123, MCL 565.451A TO 565.453, may be recorded in the
- 7 register's office. Upon the recording of the affidavit showing the
- 8 marital status of the male grantor, mortgagor, or party executing,
- 9 on the date of the instrument, the record of the affidavit and the
- 10 record of the instrument shall be ARE effectual for all purposes of
- 11 AS a legal record, and the record of the instrument and affidavit
- 12 or a transcript thereof OF THEM may be given in evidence in all
- 13 cases, and the instrument shall MUST be construed to be as valid
- 14 and effectual as if it had contained a statement showing the
- 15 marital status of the male person or persons INDIVIDUAL OR
- 16 INDIVIDUALS executing it.
- 17 (3) If an instrument has been recorded in the office of the A
- 18 register of deeds of any county without the instrument showing the
- 19 marital status as herein required UNDER THIS SECTION, and a period
- 20 of 10 years has elapsed since the recording, of the instrument, the
- 21 record of the instrument or a transcript thereof OF IT may be given
- 22 in evidence in all cases and shall be IS effectual for all purposes
- 23 of AS a legal record and the instrument shall MUST be construed to
- 24 be as valid and effectual as if it had contained a statement
- 25 showing the marital status of the male person or persons INDIVIDUAL
- 26 OR INDIVIDUALS executing it.