

**TRANSCRIPTS AND ABSTRACTS OF RECORDS**  
**Act 161 of 1895**

AN ACT to require county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records, and fixing the fees to be paid therefor.

**History:** 1895, Act 161, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**48.101 Transcript and abstract of paper or record; request; fees; disposition of money; imposition of fees by certain charter counties; maximum charge per parcel record; electronic copy of records; resale for commercial purposes prohibited; "qualified data file" defined.**

Sec. 1. (1) Except as provided in subsection (6), a county treasurer shall make upon request a transcript of any paper or record on file in the treasurer's office for the following fees:

(a) For an abstract of taxes on any description of land, 25 cents for each year covered by the abstract.

(b) For an abstract with statement of name and residence of taxpayers, 25 cents per year for each description of land covered by the abstract.

(c) For 1 copy of any paper or document, at the rate of 25 cents per 100 words.

(d) For each certificate, 25 cents.

(2) For statements in respect to the payment of taxes required by section 135 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.135, except as provided in subsection (6), the county treasurer shall collect 20 cents for each description of land contained in the certificate, but the total amount paid shall not be less than \$1.00, or beginning July 1, 2015, \$5.00.

(3) An abstract, list, copy, or statement made as required by this act shall not be furnished for a sum less than 50 cents.

(4) All money collected under this act shall be credited to the general fund of the county.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6), a charter county with a population of more than 2,000,000 may impose by ordinance a different amount for the fees prescribed by this section. A charter county shall not impose a fee that is greater than the cost of the service for which the fee is charged.

(6) The maximum charge shall be \$0.25 per parcel record, not to exceed \$1,500.00 for each request under this section, if the request is for an electronic copy of records in a qualified data file that is maintained with the county treasurer. A response to a request for an electronic copy of records in the qualified data file shall be transmitted electronically using a format that is documented by an open standards organization and that has defined, delimited fields.

(7) Copies of records obtained under subsection (6) may not be resold for a commercial purpose.

(8) As used in this act, "qualified data file" means an electronic data file that includes at least the following information in the record for each parcel of real property in the county for the current tax year:

(a) The taxable value.

(b) The state equalized value.

(c) The assessed value.

(d) Past sale data.

(e) Property classification.

(f) Property address.

(g) Parcel identification number.

(h) Owner name and address.

(i) Taxpayer name and address.

(j) Principal residence status.

(k) Other tax equalization data.

(l) Special assessments.

(m) Total millage rate.

(n) Enumerated millage list.

(o) Tax bill amount for winter tax bill.

(p) Tax bill amount for summer tax bill.

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