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Michigan House & Senate Change Treasurer's Fees

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Teresa Walker, Montmorency County Register of Deeds, wants citizens and submitters of land documents to be aware of new legislation, passed by the House and Senate, and signed by Governor Snyder May 27, 2015.

House Bill 4075 has changed state law regarding fees associated with the purchase of tax records and tax certifications required on some documents recorded for the public record. The bill increases the fee from \$1 to \$5 on tax certifications for documents such as warranty deeds, land contracts, and condominium master deeds among others. These fees are collected by the Register of Deeds as part of the recording process. Montmorency County averages 500 documents per year that require a tax certificate. This portion of the bill goes into effect July 1, 2015.

Persons submitting documents that require a tax certificate need to plan accordingly to ensure their documents for land conveyances and related documents are not rejected due to lack of sufficient funds, stated Mrs. Walker

The bill also changes the fees associated with the purchase of tax parcel records. The new legislation provides a maximum charge of \$0.25 per parcel, not to exceed \$1500.00 for a single request made is effective immediately. For example if all parcels in the county (say 50,000 parcels) are requested electronically for a qualified data file the fee would have been \$12,500 (25 cents per parcel) but is now limited to \$1,500.

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