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SENATE DRS15210-SV-5 (11/5)

Short Title: Electronic Filing/Register of Deeds. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Berger, Purcell, Queen, Sloan, Kinnaird, Soles, Foxx, and Stevens.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES
TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC RECORDS FOR FILING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 47-30(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Plats to Be Reproducible. – Each plat presented for recording shall be a reproducible plat, either original ink on polyester film (mylar), or a reproduced drawing, transparent and archival (as defined by the American National Standards Institute), or an electronic record as defined in G.S. 66-312(8), and submitted in this form. The recorded plat must be such that the public may obtain legible copies. A direct or photographic copy of each recorded plat shall be placed in the plat book or plat file maintained for that purpose and properly indexed for use. In those counties in which the register has made a security copy of the plat from which legible copies can be made, the original may be returned to the person indicated on the plat."

SECTION 2. G.S. 161-14 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b1) The register of deeds is authorized to accept electronic records as defined in G.S. 66-312(8) for filing in accordance with the provisions of this section. The fees for recording of an electronic record shall be based on the number of pages and formatting of the electronic record if it were printed by the register of deeds following recording."

SECTION 3. This act applies only to the counties of Anson, Cumberland, Guilford, Hyde, Iredell, McDowell, Orange, Pender, Rockingham, Wake, and Watauga.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.