

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCHRODER, MERRY, PISTELLA, BARD, HASTE, HERSHEY,
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ITKIN, McCALL, VAN HORNE, BOSCOLA, DeLUCA, TRELLO, SEMMEL AND
MILLER, MARCH 25, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 25, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), entitled "An
2 act establishing fees for services of recorders of deeds in
3 counties of the second A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
4 seventh and eighth classes," providing for additional fees;
5 and creating a Recorder's Fund.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87),
9 referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, is amended by
10 adding a section to read:

11 Section 2.1. (a) There is hereby created a Recorder's Fund
12 in counties of the second A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
13 seventh and eighth classes.

14 (b) In addition to the fee charged by a recorder of deeds
15 for recording any document pursuant to section 1, a fee in the
16 amount of \$2 shall be charged and collected for each document.
17 The fee shall be distributed in the following manner:

18 (1) One dollar shall be retained by the recorder,

1 deposited into a Recorder's Fund and used, at the direction
2 of the recorder, for the costs associated with:

3 (i) record storage, microfilming, optical imaging,
4 office automation, computerization; and

5 (ii) other records preservation techniques.

6 (2) (i) One dollar shall be retained by the county for
7 costs associated with:

8 (A) record storage, microfilming and optical
9 imaging, office automation, computerization; and

10 (B) other records preservation techniques.

11 (ii) A committee made up of commissioners, sheriffs,
12 prothonotaries, clerks of court, registers of wills,
13 treasurers and recorders shall determine the specific
14 county records preservation projects to which this fee
15 shall be dedicated.

16 (c) Recorder's Fund moneys shall be expended through regular
17 county purchasing guidelines and shall not be used to substitute
18 or subsidize any allocations of general revenues for the
19 operation of the Recorder's Office without the express consent
20 of the recorder. The Recorder's Fund may be audited by the
21 appropriate auditing agency and any unexpended balance shall be
22 left in the fund to accumulate from year to year with interest.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.