Governor Signs Change to Deed Tax Certification Fees

Jay DeBoyer, St. Clair County Clerk and Register of Deeds and Kelly Roberts-Burnett, St. Clair County Treasurer, are issuing a public notification for the submission of land recording documents that new legislation has been passed by the House and Senate, and signed by Governor Snyder on May 26, 2015.

House Bill 4075 has revised the fees from Public Act 161 of 1895 regarding fees associated with the purchase of tax records and tax certifications required on land documents recorded through Register of Deeds. The bill increases the tax certification fee from $1.00 set in 1895 to a present value of $5.00 per document for Warranty Deeds, Land Contracts, or any other document that is legally required to be tax certified.

The certification fees are collected by the Register of Deeds at the time of recording. House Bill 4075 is set to go into effect for any document presented for recording on or after July 1, 2015. Register Deeds office is recommending that agencies or individuals submitting documents that require a tax certification plan accordingly to ensure that documents for land conveyances are not rejected due to lack of sufficient funds.

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