

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1406  
(Representative Grosz)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 11-18-05 and 11-18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to register of deeds fees and recording certificates.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-05. Fees of register of deeds.** The register of deeds shall charge and collect the following fees:

1. For recording an instrument affecting title to real estate:
  - a. Deeds, mortgages, and all other instruments not specifically provided for in this subsection, seven dollars for the first page and three dollars for each additional page. In addition, for all documents recorded under this section that list more than five sections of land, a fee of one dollar for each additional section listed which is to be recorded in the tract index.
    - (1) "Page" means one side of a single legal size sheet of paper not exceeding eight and one-half inches [21.59 centimeters] in width and fourteen inches [35.56 centimeters] in length.
    - (2) The printed, written, or typed words must be considered legible by the register of deeds before the page will be accepted for recording.
    - (3) Each real estate instrument must have a legal description considered to be adequate by the register of deeds before such instrument will be accepted for recording.
    - (4) A space of at least four inches by three and one-half inches [10.16 by 8.89 centimeters] square must be provided on the ~~front side~~ first or last page of each instrument for the register of deeds' recording information. If recording information can only be placed on the reverse side of an instrument, an additional page charge must be levied.
  - b. Instruments satisfying, releasing, assigning, subordinating, continuing, amending, or extending more than one instrument previously recorded in the county in which recording is requested, seven dollars for the first page and three dollars for each additional page plus three dollars for each such additional document number or book and page. In addition, for all documents recorded under this section which list more than five separate sections of land, a fee of one dollar for each additional section listed which is to be recorded in the tract index.
  - c. Plats, irregular tracts, or annexations, ten dollars for one lot plus ten cents for each additional lot, with the exception of auditor's lots which must be a single charge of seven dollars.
  - d. All instruments presented for recording after June 30, 2001, must contain a one-inch [2.54-centimeter] top, bottom, or side margin on each page of the instrument for the placement of computerized recording labels. An instrument that does not conform to

this margin requirement may be recorded upon payment of an additional fee of two dollars.

2. For filing any non-central indexing system instrument, five dollars.
3. For making certified copies of any recorded instrument, the charge is five dollars for the first page and two dollars for each additional page. For making a noncertified copy of any recorded instrument, a fee of not more than one dollar per instrument page.
4. ~~For making a copy of any other filed instrument, one dollar for each five pages or portion thereof.~~ For making a copy of any filed non-central indexing system instrument, one dollar for each five pages or portion thereof. For making a certified copy of any non-central indexing system filed instrument, five dollars plus one dollar for each additional five pages or portion thereof.
5. For filing, indexing, making, or completing any statement, abstract, or certificate under the Uniform Commercial Code central filing data base, the computerized central notice system or the computerized statutory liens data base, for receiving printouts, and for other services provided through the computerized system, the fee is the same as that provided in sections 41-09-42 and 41-09-43, as applicable.
6. The register of deeds may establish procedures for providing access for duplicating records under the register of deeds' control. Such records include paper, photostat, microfilm, microfiche, and electronic or computer generated instruments created by governmental employees.
7. Duplicate register of deeds' records stored off-site as a security measure are not accessible for reproduction.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-18-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-18-11. Register of deeds to record or file instruments.** When an instrument affecting the title to or creating a lien upon real estate within the county is numbered and entered in the reception ~~book~~ record and indexed, it ~~shall~~ must be recorded or filed as provided by law. ~~The register of deeds shall write or stamp, or cause to be written or stamped, at the beginning of a recorded instrument the words "document number" and shall add thereto the number stamped or written on the document. The register of deeds shall add, immediately after the record of such instrument, a certificate reciting that the instrument was filed in the register of deeds' office and giving the date and hour of filing. The register of deeds shall authenticate the certificate with an official signature, but need not affix the official seal thereto.~~ The register of deeds shall provide recording information on the instrument as required by paragraph 4 of subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 11-18-05 and shall authenticate the information with an official signature and the official seal of the office as required by section 11-18-04.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1406.

House Vote:      Yeas    90      Nays    0      Absent    8

Senate Vote:    Yeas    37      Nays    12      Absent    0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State