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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies real estate recording and registering fees charged by counties, setting flat rates, and in general increases fees.

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- 1 County recorder fees.** Sets a flat fee of \$40 for indexing and recording any deed or other instrument. Under current law the fee is \$1 per page with a minimum of \$15. Provides for allocation of the \$40 fee, including maintaining the 50-cent dedication for the Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force.

Increases the maximum fee from \$5 to \$10 for every entry of an abstract of title, from \$50 to \$100 for an abstract certificate, and from \$2 to \$5 per name for each required name search certification.

Increases from \$9.50 to \$10 the fee for a copy of an official plat filed, and from \$0.50 to \$5 for certification of each plat.

Increases from \$30 to \$50 the minimum fee for filing an amended floor plan of a multiunit building.
- 2 Fees for recording instruments in county recorder office.** States that the fees established in section 1 must be charged in all counties.
- 3 Information technology adaptation fund.** Provides for \$5 of each fee collected under section 1 to go to a county information technology adaptation fund to be spent at the county

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recorder's discretion.

- 4** **Variance from standards.** Increases the fee for recording nonconforming documents from \$10 to \$20 per document. (The standards can be seen in section 6 of the bill.)
- 5** **Public certified copies.** Increases the minimum plat filing fee from \$30 to \$50.
- 6** **Standards for documents to be recorded or filed.** Requires documents presented for filing to be legible, not "sufficiently" legible. (Strikes "sufficiently.")
- 7** **Standard documents.** Increases and provides for distribution of a number of fees paid related to registered real estate.
- 8** **Variance from standards.** Increases from \$10 to \$20 the per-document filing fee for documents that do not conform to the standards (see section 6 of the bill).
- 9** **Recording.** Sets the recording fee for common interest property on registered land at \$40 for the first ten affected certificates and \$10 for each additional affected certificate. Under current law, the recording fee is the then-current fee for registering the document on the first ten affected certificates and then one-third that amount for each additional certificate.
- 10** **Repealer.** Repeals the \$5 surcharge under county recorder statute and the provision distributing \$1 of the indexing and recording fee for the county's equipment fund.