
Local Government Committee

HB 1385

Brief Description: Restricting the information on recorded documents.

Sponsors: Representatives Takko, Haigh, Roberts, Hankins, Ericks, Haler, Lovick, McCoy and Chase.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prohibits instruments presented for recording to an auditor or recording officer from containing a social security number, or a date of birth or maiden name satisfying specified criteria.Exempts instruments generated by governmental agencies from the prohibition.

Hearing Date: 2/16/05

Staff: Ethan Moreno (786-7386).

Background:

Statute specifies numerous duties and responsibilities for the county auditor (auditor), including directives pertaining to financial and election administration. Among other prescribed duties, the auditor is the recorder of deeds and other instruments in writing which, by law, must be filed and recorded in and for the county for which he or she is elected.

Counties operating under a charter form of government may provide for an official other than the auditor to record instruments in the county records. This official may be a "recording officer."

Current law specifies criteria that instruments presented to the county auditor or recording officer for recording must satisfy. These criteria include requirements pertaining to document margins, applicable names, addresses, and reference information. Current law specifies also requirements that county auditors and recording officers must satisfy when instruments for filing or recording are received.

Summary of Bill:

When any instrument, except those generated by governmental agencies, is presented to a county auditor or recording officer for recording, the document may not contain the following information: a social security number; a date of birth identified with a particular person; or the maiden name of a person's parent so as to be identified with a particular person.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.