

SB3243



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-5025

from Ch. 34, par. 3-5025

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that any recorder may publish property assessment lists in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or on the county's public-facing website.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-5025 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-5025) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-5025)

7 Sec. 3-5025. Books. Every recorder shall keep the
8 following books or computer databases:

9 1. An entry book, in which the recorder shall,
10 immediately on the receipt of any instrument to be
11 recorded or filed, enter, in the order of its reception,
12 the names of the parties thereto, its date, the day of the
13 month, hour and year of receiving the same, and a brief
14 description of the premises, indorsing upon each
15 instrument a number corresponding with the number of such
16 entry.

17 2. A grantor's index, in which shall be entered the
18 name of each grantor, in alphabetical order, the name of
19 the grantee, date of the instrument, time of receipt, kind
20 of instrument, consideration, the book and page in which
21 it is recorded, or the number under which it is filed, and
22 a brief description of the premises.

23 3. A grantee's index, in which shall be entered the

1 name of each grantee, in alphabetical order, the name of
2 the grantor, date of the instrument, time of receipt, kind
3 of instrument, consideration, the book and page in which
4 it is recorded, or the number under which it is filed, and
5 a brief description of the premises.

6 4. An index to each book or computer database of
7 record, in which shall be entered, in alphabetical order,
8 the name of each grantor and grantee, and the page number
9 in which or reference number to which the instrument is
10 recorded.

11 5. When required by the county board, an abstract
12 book, which shall show by tracts every conveyance or
13 incumbrance recorded, the date of the instrument, time of
14 filing the same, the book and page where the same is
15 recorded; which book shall be so kept as to show a true
16 chain of title to each tract and the incumbrances thereon,
17 as shown by the records of the office.

18 6. An index to recorded maps, plats and subdivisions,
19 such index to be made by description of land mapped, or
20 subdivided by range, township, Section, quarter-section,
21 etc.

22 7. An index showing in alphabetical order the names of
23 the parties against whom judgments have been rendered or
24 made and transcripts or memoranda of such judgments have
25 been recorded, and the parties named in notices recorded
26 pursuant to Section 1 of "An Act concerning constructive

1 notice of condemnation proceedings, proceedings to sell
2 real property of decedents to pay debts, or other suits
3 seeking equitable relief involving real property, and
4 proceedings in bankruptcy" approved June 11, 1917, as
5 amended.

6 8. An index of all ordinances, petitions, assessment
7 rolls, orders, judgments or other documents filed or
8 recorded in respect of any drainage or special assessment
9 matter sufficient to enable the public to identify all
10 tracts involved therein and to locate all the documents
11 which have been filed or recorded. The recorder may
12 solicit the assistance of the State Records Commission in
13 organizing and indexing these documents.

14 Any recorder may publish property assessment lists in a
15 newspaper of general circulation in the county or on the
16 county's public-facing website.

17 Any recorder may install or contract for the use of a
18 computerized system that will permit automated entry and
19 indexing, alphabetically by document, of instruments filed in
20 the office and that will provide both quick search and
21 retrieval of such entries and hard copy print output, whether
22 on paper, optical disk media, or microfilm, of such entries as
23 indexed. If such a computerized system has been in use in the
24 office for at least 6 months and the recorder determines that
25 it provides accurate and reliable indices that may be stored
26 as permanent records, more quickly and efficiently than the

1 system previously used, the recorder may thereafter
2 discontinue the use of the manual system and use only the
3 computerized system for such indices. In that event,
4 references in this Division to books, records or forms as
5 relate to such indices are intended to encompass and refer to
6 the computer system and all materials and forms directly
7 related to that system and its proper use.

8 This Section is subject to the Local Records Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 103-400, eff. 1-1-24.)