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# Recordation of Deeds

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## Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 306

**SECTION 1.** That in all counties of this State having a population of not less than 16,751 nor more than 16,950 according to the Federal Census of 1960 or any subsequent Federal Census, before any person in Counties to which this Act is applicable, may have recorded any deed conveying in fee the title to any real estate, such person must first present such instrument to the County Tax Assessor, who shall list in a well bound book the following data: The name of the seller, the name of the purchaser, the consideration paid, the Civil District in which such property is located and a description of each tract of land so conveyed, by reference to the adjoining land owners or such other description as may designate said property. As evidence of the fact that the provisions of this section have been complied with, the County Tax Assessor shall place on the margin or the back of each deed, a stamp or his signature.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Registers in the counties to which this Act may be applicable are expressly forbidden to record deeds conveying in fee the title to any real estate until such instruments have been presented to the County Tax Assessor and his stamp or signature has been placed thereon, indicating the provisions of this Act have been complied with.

**SECTION 3.** That provided at any time the Tax Assessor or his Deputy should not be available, in that event the Register may receive and note such instruments, but it shall not be recorded until the provisions of this Act shall have been complied with.

**SECTION 4.** That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by two-thirds vote of the Quarterly County Court of any County to which it may apply on or before the next regular meeting of such Quarterly County Court occurring more than thirty days after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the residing officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6.** That this Act shall take effect for the purpose of validating the same as provided for in Section 5 above, from and after its passage, and for all other purposes ten days after its approval by the Quarterly County Court, having jurisdiction to approve or disapprove it, the public welfare requiring it.

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