

**331.603 General powers.**

1. The recorder may administer oaths and take affirmations on matters relating to the business of the office of recorder as provided in section 63A.2.

2. Subject to the requirements of section 331.903, the recorder may appoint and remove deputies, assistants, and clerks.

3. The recorder may reproduce in miniature on a durable medium any instrument to be recorded. When a recorded instrument involves a release, assignment, or other subsequent reference to an original document, the separate instrument filed acknowledging the release, assignment, or other subsequent reference shall be reproduced. In lieu of marginal entries, the recorder shall cross-reference the release, assignment, or other subsequent reference with the record of the original document. When an official record is produced in miniature, a security copy shall be reproduced at the same time and kept outside of the courthouse.

4. The recorder may, in lieu of maintaining separate index books, prepare and maintain a combined index record or system which shall contain the same data and information as required to be kept in the separate index books.

5. *a.* The governing board of the county land record information system shall not enter into an agreement to provide access to electronic documents or records on a batch basis. The county recorder may collect reasonable fees for access to electronic documents and records pursuant to an agreement. The fees shall not exceed the actual cost of providing access to the electronic documents and records. “*Actual cost*” means only those expenses directly attributable to providing access to electronic documents and records. “*Actual cost*” shall not include costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance, electricity, or insurance associated with the administration of the office of the county recorder or the county land record information system.

*b.* Electronic documents and records made available under this subsection shall not include personally identifiable information and shall be subjected to a redaction process prior to the transfer of the electronic documents or records to another person pursuant to an agreement under paragraph “*a*”.

**1, 2.** [C51, §411; R60, §642; C73, §766; C97, §496; S13, §496; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5238, 5240; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §341.1, 341.3; S81, §331.603; 81 Acts, ch 117, §602]

**3, 4.** [C54, 58, 62, 66, §343.13; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §335.17, 343.13; S81, §331.603; 81 Acts, ch 117, §602]

2001 Acts, ch 44, §6; 2006 Acts, ch 1031, §2; 2009 Acts, ch 27, §5; 2009 Acts, ch 159, §2