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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the office of the county recorder by making 2 changes to fees charged by the county recorder, information 3 required to be endorsed on certain recorded documents and 4 instruments, and standards for indexes maintained by the county recorder.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 10A.108, subsections 4 through 6, Code
   2 2007, are amended to read as follows:
             The county recorder of each county shall prepare and
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   4 maintain in the recorder's office an index of liens of debts
   5 established based upon benefits or provider payments
   6 inappropriately obtained from and owed the department of human
   7 services, which provides containing the applicable entries
   8 specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52, and providing
   9 appropriate columns for all of the following data, under the
1 10 names of debtors, arranged alphabetically:
          a. The name of the debtor.
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              "State of Iowa, Department of Human Services" as
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         b.
1 13 claimant.
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         c. The time that the notice of the lien was received
1 15 <u>recorded</u>.
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         d. The date of notice.
e. The amount of the lien currently due.
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          g. The date of satisfaction of the debt.
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          h.
              Any extension of the time period for application of the
1 21 lien and the date that the notice for extension was filed.
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         5. The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the
  23 day and time <del>received</del> <u>recorded</u> and the <u>document reference</u> 24 number, and shall preserve the notice. The recorder shall
1 25 index the notice and shall record the lien in the manner
1 26 provided for recording real estate mortgages.
                                                               The lien <del>shall</del>
      be is effective from the time of the indexing.6. The department shall pay, from moneys appropriated to
1 29 the department for this purpose, \frac{1}{2} recording \frac{1}{2} as 1 30 provided in section 331.604, for the recording of the lien, or 1 31 for satisfaction of the lien.
          Sec. 2. Section 96.14, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph
  33 1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
34 The county recorder of each county shall prepare and keep
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1 35 in the recorder's office an index to show containing the
      applicable entries specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52 and
     showing the following data, under the names of employers,
   3 arranged alphabetically:
          Sec. 3. Section 96.14, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
   5 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
          c. Time notice of lien was received recorded.
   Sec. 4. Section 96.14, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraphs 8 4 and 5, Code Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:
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          The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the day,
2 10 hour, and minute when received recorded and the document
  11 reference number, and shall index the notice in the index, and 12 shall record the lien in the manner provided for recording
2 13 real estate mortgages<del>, and the</del>. The lien shall be is
2 14 effective from the time of the indexing of the lien.
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The department shall pay a recording fee fees as provided

2 16 in section 331.604, for the recording of the lien, or for its 2 17 satisfaction. Sec. 5. Section 124C.4, subsection 3, Code 2007, is 2 18 2 19 amended to read as follows: 2 20 3. Each notice of lien shall be endorsed with the day, 2 21 hour, and minute when the notice was received recorded and the 22 document reference number, and the notice shall be preserved, 23 indexed, and recorded in the manner provided for recording 2 24 real estate mortgages. The lien shall be is effective from 2 25 the time of its indexing. The department shall pay a 2 26 recording fee fees as provided by section 331.604 for the 2 27 recording of the lien or for its satisfaction. Sec. 6. Section 331.602, subsections 8 and 37, Code 2007, 2 28 2 29 are amended to read as follows: 2 30 8. Endorse on each notice of an unemployment contribution 2 31 lien the day, hour, and minute that the lien is received from the department of workforce development recorded and the 32 33 document reference number, index the notice of lien, and 34 record the lien as provided in section 96.14, subsection 3. 2 35 37. Carry out duties relating to the indexing of name changes, and the recorder shall charge a fee fees for indexing as provided in section 331.604. Sec. 7. Section 331.604, Code 2007, is amended to read as 3 3 4 follows: 3 331.604 GENERAL RECORDING AND FILING FEE FEES. 1. Except as otherwise provided by state law, subsection 2 7 <u>4</u>, or section 331.605, the recorder shall collect a fee of 8 five dollars for each page or fraction of a page of an 9 instrument which is filed or recorded in the recorder's 3 3 10 office. If a page or fraction of a page contains more than 3 11 one transaction, the recorder shall collect the fee for each 3 12 transaction. 3 13 2. a. The recorder shall also collect a fee of one dollar for each recorded transaction for which a fee is paid pursuant 15 to subsection 1 to be used exclusively for the purpose of 16 preserving and maintaining public records. The treasurer, 17 behalf of the recorder, shall establish and maintain a county 18 recorder's records management fund into which all moneys 19 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited. 20 Interest earned on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to the county recorder's records management fund. The recorder shall use the moneys deposited in the fund to 23 produce and maintain public records that meet archival 24 standards, and to enhance the technological storage, 25 retrieval, and transmission capabilities related to archival 26 quality records. The recorder may cooperate with other 27 entities, boards, and agencies to establish methods of records 28 management, and participate in other joint ventures which 29 further the purposes of this subsection. 3 30 b. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be used to accomplish the following purposes: 3 32 (1) Preserve and maintain public records. (2) Assist counties in reducing record preservation costs. 3 34 (3) Encourage and foster maximum access to public records 35 maintained by county recorders at locations throughout the state. (4) Establish plans for anticipated and possible future 3 needs, including the handling and preservation of vital
4 statistics.
5 3. a. The county recorder shall also collect a fee of one 6 dollar for each recorded transaction, regardless of the number 7 of pages, for which a fee is paid pursuant to subsection 1 to 8 be used for the purpose set forth in paragraph "c" b. The county treasurer, on behalf of the recorder, shall 10 establish and maintain a county recorder's electronic
11 transaction fund into which all moneys collected pursuant to 4 12 paragraph "a" shall be deposited. Interest earned on moneys 13 deposited in this fund shall be computed based on the average 14 monthly balance in the fund and shall be credited to the 4 15 county recorder's electronic transaction fund. The local government electronic transaction fund is 4 16 17 established in the office of the treasurer of state under the 18 control of the treasurer of state. Moneys deposited into the 19 fund are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding section 20 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the local government 21 electronic transaction fund shall be credited to the fund. 22 Moneys in the local government electronic transaction fund are 23 not subject to transfer, appropriation, or reversion to any 24 other fund, or any other use except as provided in this 25 paragraph "c". On a monthly basis, the county treasurer shall

4 26 pay each fee collected pursuant to paragraph "a" to the

treasurer of state for deposit into the local 28 electronic transaction fund. Moneys credited to the local 29 government electronic transaction fund are appropriated to the 30 treasurer of state to be used for the purpose of planning and 31 implementing electronic recording and electronic transactions 4 32 in each county and developing county and statewide internet 33 web sites to provide electronic access to records and <u>34 information and to pay the ongoing costs of integrating and</u> 35 maintaining the statewide internet web site.

1 d. The recorder shall make available any information required by the county auditor or auditor of state concerning 3 the fees collected under this subsection for the purposes of 4 determining the amount of fees collected and the uses for which such fees are expended.

2. 4. A county shall not be required to pay a fee to the 6 recorder for filing or recording instruments. R Sec. 8. Section 331.605B, subsection 1, Code 2007, is 5 9 amended to read as follows: 1. The recorder shall make available any information 5 11 required by the county or state auditor concerning the fees collected under section 331.605A 331.604, subsection 2, for the purposes of determining the amount of fees collected and 5 5 13 5 14 the uses for which such fees are expended. 5 15 Sec. 9. Section 331.606B, subsection 2, unnumbered 5 16 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows: 5 17 For any document or instrument of conveyance, the name of the property taxpayer and the taxpayer's complete mailing 18 5 19 address is required on the first page of the document below 5 20 the three=inch margin. Each document or instrument, other 21 than a plat or survey or a drawing related to a plat or 5 22 survey, that is presented for recording shall contain the 5 23 following information on the first page below the three=inch 5 24 margin: 25 Sec. 10. Section 331.606B, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 5 26 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph. 5 27 Sec. 11. Section 331.606B, subsection 6, Code 2007, is 5 28 amended to read as follows: 5 29 6. <u>a.</u> On and after July 1, 2005, a document or instrument 5 30 that does not conform to the format standards specified in 5 31 subsections 1 through 3 shall not be recorded accepted for recording except upon payment of an additional recording fee 5 33 of ten dollars per document or instrument. The requirement 5 34 applies only to documents or instruments dated on or after 5 35 July 1, 2005, and does not apply to those documents or 6 instruments specifically exempted in subsection 4. 6 b. On and after July 1, 2008, a document or instrument 3 that does not conform to the format standards specified in 4 subsection 1, paragraphs "c" and "e", shall not be accepted <u>, shall not be accepted</u> 5 for recording. This paragraph applies only to documents or 6 6 instruments dated on or after July 1, 2008, and does not apply to those documents or instruments specifically exempted in 8 subsection 4.

9 Sec. 12. Section 331.607, subsection 5, Code 2007, is 6 10 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu 6 11 thereof the following: 6 12 5. An index for records of private drainage systems as 6 13 provided in section 468.623. 6 14 Sec. 13. Section 331.609, subsection 4, Code 2007, is 6 15 amended to read as follows: 6 16 4. The fee fees for filing or recording, and indexing each 6 17 notice of lien or certificate or notice affecting the lien 6 18 shall be as provided in section 331.604. The officer shall 6 19 bill the internal revenue service or any other appropriate 6 20 federal agency on a monthly basis for fees for documents filed 6 21 or recorded by it. Sec. 14. Section 359A.10, Code 2007, is amended to read as 6 22 6 23 follows: 6 24 ENTRY AND RECORD OF ORDERS. 359A.10 Such orders, decisions, notices, and returns shall be 6 25 26 entered of record at length by the township clerk, and a copy 6 27 thereof certified by the township clerk to the county 6 28 recorder, who shall record the same in the recorder's office 29 in a book kept for that purpose, and index such record in the 6 6 30 name of each adjoining owner as grantor to the other. 6 county recorder shall collect fees specified in section 32 331.604. 6 6 33 Sec. 15. Section 359A.12, Code 2007, is amended to read as 6 34 follows: 359A.12 DIVISION BY AGREEMENT == RECORD. 6 35 The several owners may, in writing, agree upon the portion

2 of partition fences between their lands which shall be erected

3 and maintained by each, which writing shall describe the lands 4 and the parts of the fences so assigned, be signed and 5 acknowledged by them, and filed and recorded in the office of 6 the recorder of deeds of the county or counties in which they 7 are situated. The county recorder shall collect fees specified in section 331.604. Section 422.26, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2007, Sec. 16. 7 10 are amended to read as follows: 4. The county recorder of each county shall keep in the 7 12 recorder's office an index and record to show containing the applicable entries in sections 558.49 and 558.52 and showing 7 14 the following data, under the names of taxpayers, arranged 7 15 alphabetically: The name of the taxpayer. a. The name "State of Iowa" as claimant. 7 17 b. 7 18 c. Time notice of lien was received recorded. Date of notice. 7 19 d. 7 20 Amount of lien then due. e. 7 21 f. Date of assessment. 7 22 g. When satisfied. 7 23 The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the day, 7 24 hour, and minute when received and recorded and the document 25 reference number, shall preserve the same, and shall index the 26 notice in the index and shall record the lien in the manner 7 27 provided for recording real estate mortgages, and the. The 7 28 lien shall be is effective from the time of the indexing of 7 29 the lien. 7 30 5. The department shall pay a recording fee fees as 7 31 provided in section 331.604, for the recording of the lien, or 7 32 for its satisfaction. Sec. 17. Section 424.11, unnumbered paragraphs 4 and 5, 7 34 Code 2007, are amended to read as follows: 7 35 The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the day, 8 1 hour, and minute when received recorded and the document <u>reference number</u>, and <u>shall</u> preserve the notice, and. recorder shall also immediately index the notice and record 8 4 the lien in the manner provided for recording real estate 8 5 mortgages, and the. The lien shall be effective from the time 8 6 of its indexing. 8 The department shall pay a recording fee fees as provided 8 in section 331.604, for the recording of the lien, or for its 8 9 satisfaction. 8 10 Sec. 18. Section 437A.11, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 8 11 2007, is amended to read as follows: 8 12 The county recorder of each county shall prepare and keep in the recorder's office an index each lien showing the 8 14 applicable entries specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52 and 8 15 record to show showing, under the names of taxpayers arranged 8 16 alphabetically, all of the following: 8 17 Sec. 19. Section 437A.11, subsection 3, Code 2007, is 8 18 amended to read as follows: 8 19 3. Time the notice of lien was received recorded. Section 437A.11, unnumbered paragraphs 3 through 8 20 Sec. 20. 8 21 5, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows: 8 22 The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the day, 8 23 hour, and minute when received and preserve such notice, and 8 24 recorded and the document reference number, shall preserve 8 25 such notice, shall index the notice in the index, and shall 8 26 promptly record the lien in the manner provided for recording 8 27 real estate mortgages. The lien is effective from the time of 8 28 the indexing of the lien. The county treasurer or chief financial officer of the city 8 29 8 30 shall pay a recording fee fees as provided in section 331.604, 8 31 for the recording of the lien, or for its satisfaction. Upon the payment of the replacement tax as to which a 8 33 county treasurer or chief financial officer of a city has 34 filed notice with a county recorder, the county treasurer or 35 chief financial officer of the city shall promptly file with 1 the recorder a satisfaction of the replacement tax. The 8 8 2 recorder shall enter the satisfaction on the record the notice 9 3 on file in the recorder's office and indicate that fact on the index of satisfaction showing the applicable entries specified
in sections 558.49 and 558.52.
 Sec. 21. Section 437A.22, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 7 2007, is amended to read as follows: The county recorder of each county shall prepare and keep in the recorder's office an index each lien showing the 9 10 applicable entries specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52 and 9 11 record to show showing, under the names of taxpayers arranged 9 12 alphabetically, all of the following: Sec. 22. Section 437A.22, subsection 3, Code 2007, is

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3. Time the notice of lien was received recorded.
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                    23. Section 437A.22, unnumbered paragraphs 4 and 5,
   9 17 Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:
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              The recorder shall endorse on each notice of lien the day,
   9 19 hour, and minute when received and recorded and the document
   9 20 reference, shall preserve such notice, and shall promptly 9 21 record the lien in the manner provided for recording real
   9 22 estate mortgages. The lien is effective from the time of the
   9 23 indexing of the lien.
              The director, from moneys appropriated to the department of
   9 25 revenue for this purpose, shall pay a recording fee fees as
   9 26 provided in section 331.604 for the recording of the lien, or
     27 for its satisfaction.
28 Sec. 24. Section 468.623, Code 2007, is amended to read as
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   9 29 follows:
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                         PRIVATE DRAINAGE SYSTEM == RECORD.
              468.623
   9 31 \frac{1}{1} Any person who has provided a system of drainage on 9 32 land owned by the person may have the same made a matter of
   9 33 record in the office of the county recorder of the county in
   9 34 which the drainage system is located, provided any drainage 9 35 system constructed after July 1, 1969, shall be made a matter
      1 of record, as is hereinafter provided and shall contain the 2 applicable entries specified in sections 558.49 and 558.52.
3 2. Records under subsection 1 may be used to give the
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10 3 2. Records under subsection 1 may be used to give the 10 4 owner's name, description of tracts of land drained, stati 10 5 the time when the drainage system was established, the kin 10 6 quality, and brand of tile used, the name and place of the 10 7 manufacturing plant, the name of contractors who laid the 10 8 tile, the name of the engineer in charge of the survey and 10 9 installation, the cost of tile, delivery, installation, an 10 10 engineering expense, depths, grades, outlets, connections, 10 11 contracts for agreements with adjoining landowners as to 10 12 connections, and any other matters or information that may 10 13 considered of value, and such information may be furnished 10 14 the landowner or the engineer beautical to 12 description.
       4 owner's name, description of tracts of land drained, stating
     5 the time when the drainage system was established, the kind,
     <u>8 tile, the name of the engineer in charge of the survey and</u>
       9 installation, the cost of tile, delivery, installation, and
      12 connections, and any other matters or information that may be
      <u>13 considered of value, and such information may be furnished by</u>
10 14 the landowner or the engineer having charge of the
10 15 installation and certified to under oath.
10 16 Sec. 25. Section 468.626, Code 2007, is amended to read as
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         follows:
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              468.626 ORIGINAL PLAT FILED.
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              In lieu of making the record as herein provided, any
 10 20 landowner may file with the county recorder the original plat
 10 21 used in the establishment of said the drainage system, or a
 10 22 copy thereof of the plat, which shall be certified by the
 10 23 engineer having made the same. If practicable, a plat filed
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      24 under this section shall be made a matter of record and shall
10 25 contain the applicable entries specified in sections 558.49
 10 26 and 558.52.
10 27 Sec. 26.
              Sec. 26.
                           Section 468.628, Code 2007, is amended to read as
 10 28 follows:
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              468.628 FEES FOR RECORD AND COPIES RECORDING.
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              The county When information is filed with the county
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         recorder pursuant to section 468.623 or 468.626, the recorder
 10 32 shall be entitled to collect recording fees for the filing and
-10 33 information heretofore provided for, and for the making of 10 34 copies of such records the same as is provided for other work
10 35 of a similar nature in the amounts specified in section
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          331.604.
              Sec. 27. Section 547.3, Code 2007, is amended to read as
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      3 follows:
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              547.3 FEE FOR RECORDING.
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              The county recorder shall charge and receive a fee collect
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         fees in the amount specified in section 331.604 for each
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         verified statement recorded under this chapter. The recorder
       8 may return the original instrument to the sender or dispose of 9 the instrument if the sender does not wish to have the
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 11 10 instrument returned. An instrument filed in the recorder's 11 11 office before July 1, 1990, may be returned to the sender or
 11 12 disposed of if the sender does not wish to have the instrument
 11 13 returned and if there is an official copy of the instrument in
 11 14 the recorder's office.
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              Sec. 28.
                          Section 557.24, Code 2007, is amended to read as
 11 16 follows:
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              557.24
                        FEE.
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              A person having the name of the person's farm recorded as
 11 19 provided in section 557.22 shall first pay to the county
 11 20 recorder a fee in the amount the fees specified in section
 11 21 331.604, which fee shall be paid to the county treasurer as
 11 22 other fees are paid to the county treasurer by the recorder.
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              Sec. 29. Section 557.26, Code 2007, is amended to read as
 11 24 follows:
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9 14 amended to read as follows:

11 25 557.26 CANCELLATION == FEE. 11 26 If the owner of a registered farm desires to cancel the 11 27 registered name of the farm, the owner shall acknowledge 11 28 cancellation of the name by execution of an instrument in 11 29 writing referring to the farm name, and shall record the 11 30 instrument. For the latter service the county recorder shall 11 31 charge a fee in collect the amount fees specified in section 11 32 331.604, which shall be paid to the county treasurer as other 11 33 fees are paid to the county treasurer by the recorder. Sec. 30. Section 558.55, Code Supplement 2007, is amended 11 34 11 35 to read as follows: 12 558.55 FILING AND INDEXING == CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE. 12 The recorder must endorse upon every instrument properly 3 filed for record recording in the recorder's office, the day, 4 hour, and minute of the filing when recorded and the document 12 12 12 5 reference number, and enter in the index the entries required 12 6 to be entered pursuant to sections 558.49 and 558.52, and the filing. The recording and indexing shall constitute 12 8 constructive notice to all persons of the rights of the 9 grantees conferred by the instruments. 10 Sec. 31. Section 558.66, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 11 2007, is amended to read as follows: 12 12 10 12 11 12 12 Upon receipt of a certificate issued by the clerk of the 12 13 district court or clerk of the supreme court indicating that 12 14 the title to real estate has been finally established in any 12 15 named person by judgment or decree or by will or by affidavit 12 16 of or on behalf of a surviving spouse that has been recorded 12 17 by the recorder, the auditor shall enter the information in 12 18 the certificate upon the transfer books, upon payment of a fee 12 19 in the amount specified in section 331.507, subsection 2, 12 20 paragraph "a". In the case of the affidavit filed with the 12 21 recorder, the fee set forth in section 331.507, subsection 2, 12 22 paragraph "a", and the fee fees set forth in section 331.604, 12 23 shall be collected by the recorder and paid to the treasurer 12 24 as provided in section 331.902, subsection 3. 12 25 Sec. 32. Section 598.21, subsection 2, Code Supplement 12 26 2007, is amended to read as follows: 12 27 2. DUTIES OF COUNTY RECORDER. The county recorder shall 12 28 record each quitclaim deed or change of title and shall 12 29 collect the fee specified in section 331.507, subsection 2 12 30 paragraph "a", and the fee fees specified in section 331.6047 -12 31 subsection 1. 12 32 Section 633.481, Code 2007, is amended to read as Sec. 33. 12 33 follows: 12 34 633.481 CERTIFICATE TO COUNTY RECORDER FOR TAX PURPOSES 12 35 WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION. 13 When an inventory or report is filed under section 450.22, 13 2 without administration of the estate of the decedent, the heir 3 or heir's attorney shall prepare and deliver to the county 13 13 4 recorder of the county in which the real estate is situated a 13 5 certificate pertaining to each parcel of real estate described 13 6 in the inventory or report. Any fees for certificates or 7 recording fees required by this section or section 633.480 13 13 8 shall be assessed as costs of administration. The fee <u>fees</u> 13 for recording and indexing the instrument shall be as provided 13 10 in section 331.604. The county recorder shall deliver the 13 11 certificates to the county auditor as provided in section 13 12 558.58. 13 13 Sec. 34. Section 674.14, Code 2007, is amended to read as 13 14 follows: 13 15 INDEXING IN REAL PROPERTY RECORD. 674.14 13 16 The county recorder and county auditor of each county in which the petitioner owns real property shall charge collect 13 17 13 18 fees in the amounts specified in sections 331.604 and 331.507, 13 19 subsection 2, paragraph "b", for indexing a change of name for 13 20 each parcel of real estate. Sec. 35. Sections 331.605A, 331.605C, 468.624, and 13 21 13 22 468.625, Code 2007, are repealed. 13 23 EXPLANATION 13 24 This bill makes changes relating to the office of county 13 25 recorder. 13 26 The bill makes changes relating to certain documents filed 13 27 with the county recorder and specifies that the county 13 28 recorder must endorse upon each document or instrument, in 13 29 addition to other information, the document reference number. 13 30 The bill incorporates the document management fee in Code 13 31 section 331.605A and the electronic transaction fee in Code $13\ 32\ \text{section}\ 331.605\text{C}$ into the other existing recording and filing 13 33 fee provisions under Code section 331.604.

The bill requires certain indexes under the control of the

13 35 county recorder to include applicable entries required to be

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1 made for conveyances of property. The bill repeals Code 14 2 sections 468.624 and 468.625 pertaining to private drainage 3 system plat books and record books and directs those records 14 14 4 to be maintained in accordance with the index requirements of 5 other indexes maintained by the county recorder. 14 6 The bill allows a county recorder to refuse to record a 7 document or instrument that does not conform to the format 14 14 14 8 standards pertaining to legibility, signatures, and the 14 9 printing of names on the document or instrument. 14 10 The bill also allows a county recorder to collect recording 14 11 fees for orders, decisions, and notices made by a fence viewer 14 12 and written agreements between adjoining landowners. 14 13 LSB 5763HC 82 14 14 md/sc/5