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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY CHAIRPERSON QUIRMBACH)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing certain definitions relating to instruments
- 2 affecting real estate and specifying information to be
- 3 contained in index records.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 558.1B, Code 2009, is amended to read as

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2 follows:

3 558.1B Definitions. 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 5 requires: - "book", 1. "Book", "list", "record", or "schedule" kept by a county 6 7 auditor, assessor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, or other 8 county officer means the county system as defined in section 9 445.1. 2. "Grantee" means the name of the transferee in the 10 11 transaction used to create the recording index. For other 12 instruments affecting real estate, "grantee" includes but is 13 not limited to a buyer, mortgagee, lender, assignee, lessee, or 14 party to an affidavit who is not the affiant. 3. "Grantor" means the name of the transferor in the 15 16 transaction used to create the recording index. For other 17 instruments affecting real estate, "grantor" includes but is not 18 limited to a seller, mortgagor, borrower, assignor, lessor, or 19 affiant. 20 Sec. 2. Section 558.49, subsection 7, Code 2009, is amended 21 to read as follows: 22 7. The description of the real estate conveyed affected by 23 the instrument. 24 EXPLANATION This bill defines the term "grantor" for the purposes of Code 25 26 chapter 558, relating to conveyances, to be the transferor in a 27 transaction used to create the recording index. The bill also 28 specifies that for other instruments affecting real estate, 29 "grantor" includes but is not limited to a seller, mortgagor, 30 borrower, assignor, lessor, or affiant. The bill also defines 31 the term "grantee" for purposes of Code chapter 558 to be the 32 transferee in a transaction used to create the recording index. 33 The bill also specifies that for other instruments affecting 34 real estate, "grantor" includes but is not limited to a buyer, 35 mortgagee, lender, assignee, lessee, or party to an affidavit LSB 5653XC (3) 83 md/sc 1/2 -11 who is not the affiant.

The bill amends Code section 558.49 relating to the types of information kept in index records. The bill requires the index to include the description of the real estate affected by the instrument rather than the description of the real estate that was conveyed.

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