

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 665

AN ACT

To repeal sections 49.292 and 50.172, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new section relating to county documents.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1           Section A. Sections 49.292 and 50.172, RSMo, are repealed  
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as  
3 sections 49.292, 50.172, and 53.177, to read as follows:

4           49.292. 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
5 the county commission of any county may reject the transfer of  
6 title of real property to the county by donation or dedication if  
7 the commission determines that such rejection is in the public  
8 interest of the county.

9           2. No transfer of title of real property to the county  
10 commission or any other political subdivision by donation or  
11 dedication authorized to be recorded in the office of the  
12 recorder of deeds shall be valid unless it has been proved or  
13 acknowledged. The preparer of the document relating to  
14 subsection 1 of this section shall not submit a document to the  
15 recorder of deeds for recording unless the acceptance thereof of  
16 the grantee named in the document has been proved or  
17 acknowledged. No water or sewer line easement shall be construed  
18 as a transfer of title of real property under this subsection.

19           50.172. 1. The original of all accounts, vouchers and

1 documents approved or to be approved by the county commission  
2 shall be preserved in the office of the county clerk or at some  
3 other place approved by the secretary of state pursuant to the  
4 provisions of section 28.120, RSMo; and copies thereof shall be  
5 given to any person, county, city, town, township and school or  
6 special road district interested therein upon payment of the  
7 usual fee for copying same. For purposes of this section,  
8 "original" shall include any electronic image of an original  
9 cancelled check that is the legal equivalent of an original check  
10 under the federal Check 21 Act, 12 U.S.C. 5001, et seq., as  
11 amended.

12 2. Annually or in accordance with destruction rules adopted  
13 by the secretary of state, the county clerk may destroy by  
14 burning or by any other method satisfactory to the county  
15 commission all paid accounts, vouchers, duplicate receipts,  
16 checks and other documents which may have been on file in the  
17 office of the county clerk for a period of five years or longer,  
18 except such documents as may at the time be the subject of  
19 litigation or dispute. The plan for the retention and  
20 destruction of financial records shall follow the generally  
21 recognized governmental reporting practices.

22 3. Lost or destroyed county checks shall be replaced in  
23 accordance with rules of procedure therefor as established by the  
24 state auditor in the uniform accounting system established for  
25 counties pursuant to the provisions of section 29.180, RSMo.

26 53.177. The county assessor shall not post more than one  
27 photographic image of any single residential property located  
28 within such county on the office's website. The photographic

1 image posted shall be only of the front exterior facade of the  
2 property. Blueprints, sketches, or diagrams of improvements  
3 shall not be maintained by the assessor and shall not be posted  
4 on the office's website.