



House Bill No. 6648

Special Act No. 23-9

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ONLINE RECORDING, INDEXING AND SEARCHING OF MUNICIPAL LAND RECORDS AND MAPS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study the online recording, indexing and searching of municipal land records and maps. The task force shall examine the processes, associated costs and benefits of creating and maintaining a publicly accessible online database for the recording, indexing and searching of such land records and maps.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a town clerk in a municipality with a population greater than sixty thousand, and one of whom is a representative of the Office of the Secretary of the State;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is a town clerk in a municipality with a population between ten thousand and sixty thousand, and one of whom is a consumer advocate;

(3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of

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Representatives, one of whom has expertise in information technology, and one of whom is a representative of a title insurance company located in the state;

(4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom is an attorney with expertise in real estate transactions, and one of whom is a representative of a title insurance company located in the state;

(5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom is an attorney with expertise in real estate transactions, and one of whom is a town clerk in a municipality with a population of less than ten thousand;

(6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom is an attorney with expertise in real estate transactions, and one of whom is a representative of a state-wide association of land surveyors;

(7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; and

(8) The Public Records Administrator, or the administrator's designee.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force, one of whom shall be a town clerk, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task

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force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than February 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations regarding a publicly accessible online database for the recording, indexing and searching of land records and maps to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2024, whichever is later.

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