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House Bill No. 6648
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

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May 12, 2023

**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:

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

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

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

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

15 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom has expertise in information technology,
17 and one of whom is a representative of a title insurance company
18 located in the state;

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

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

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

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

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

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
34 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
35 of the General Assembly.

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

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
40 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force, one

41 of whom shall be a town clerk, from among the members of the task
 42 force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task
 43 force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date
 44 of this section.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study the online recording, indexing, and searching of municipal land records and maps resulting in no fiscal impact because the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6648 (as amended by House "A")

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE RECORDING, INDEXING AND SEARCHING OF MUNICIPAL LAND RECORDS AND MAPS.

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

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