

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 470
HOUSE BILL 851

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TO THE EXTENT A COUNTY PROVIDES LIABILITY INSURANCE TO COUNTY OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES IT SHALL PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 161-4.2. Liability insurance for register of deeds.

To the same extent that the county provides liability insurance to other county officers or employees, pursuant to G.S. 153A-97 and 160A-167, or 58-32-10, or Article 23 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes, the county shall provide insurance to the register of deeds. If the county does not provide insurance to any officers or employees, then the county shall notify the register of deeds, in writing, prior to the first Monday in December of each year, of its intent not to provide insurance coverage to the register of deeds. This required notification shall be in the form of a letter signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, attested by the clerk of the board of county commissioners. If the county fails to provide the required notice, then the county shall be liable for damages that would have been paid had the county purchased the insurance pursuant to the General Statutes sections cited above."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives