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HOUSE BILL 390

Short Title: Recording Certified Copies.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative R. Hunter.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 4, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE RECORDING OF
3 CERTIFIED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS
4 OFFICE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 47-31 is repealed.

7 Sec. 2. G.S. 8-20 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 8-20. Certified copies registered in another county and used in evidence.**

9 A copy from the office of the register of deeds of any county in this State or any
10 other state of the record of any deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument
11 required or allowed to be registered, duly authenticated by the certificate and official
12 seal of the register of deeds of such county, may, upon presentation to the register of
13 deeds of any ~~other county,~~ county in the State, be registered without further proof, and
14 the record thereof, or a duly certified copy of the same, may be given in evidence in any
15 court in the State where the original of such copy would be admitted as evidence,
16 although the party offering the same shall be entitled to the possession of the original,
17 and shall not account for the nonproduction thereof, unless by a rule or order of the
18 court, made upon affidavit suggesting some material variance from the original in such
19 registry or other sufficient grounds, such party shall have been previously required to
20 produce the original, in which case the same shall be produced or its absence duly
21 accounted for according to the course and practice of the court."

22 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.