

**§ 47-16.4. Recording of documents.**

(a) In this section, "paper document" means a document that is received by the register of deeds in a form that is not electronic.

(b) A register of deeds:

- (1) Who implements any of the functions listed in this section shall do so in compliance with standards adopted by the Secretary of State.
- (2) May receive, index, store, archive, and transmit electronic documents.
- (3) May provide for access to, and for search and retrieval of, documents and information by electronic means.
- (4) Who accepts electronic documents for recording shall continue to accept paper documents as authorized by law and shall place entries for both types of documents in the same index.
- (5) May convert paper documents accepted for recording into electronic form.
- (6) May convert into electronic form information recorded before the register of deeds began to record electronic documents.
- (7) May accept electronically any fee or tax that the register of deeds is authorized to collect.
- (8) May agree with other officials of this State or a political subdivision thereof on procedures or processes to facilitate the electronic satisfaction of conditions to recording and the electronic payment of fees and taxes.  
(2005-391, s. 1.)