

**RECORDING JUDGMENT AFFECTING TITLE TO REALTY (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 5 of 1873**

**565.401 Judgment relating to realty title; copy recordation; effect; social security number; removal.**

Sec. 1.

(1) If a final judgment is rendered in any suit or action at law that affects or relates to the title of real estate, by a court with competent jurisdiction, a copy of the judgment, duly certified by the clerk of the court and under the seal of the court, may be received and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county where the real estate is situated. When recorded, the judgment has the same effect as evidence and notice of title as the recording of deeds and other conveyances, and the register of deeds is entitled, for the recording of the judgment, to the same fees as for the recording of deeds.

(2) Unless state or federal law, rule, regulation, or court order or rule requires that all or more than 4 sequential digits of the social security number appear in the judgment, a register of deeds shall not receive a judgment for recording unless the first 5 digits of any social security number appearing in or on the judgment are obscured or removed.

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