

1987 Senate Bill 292

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1987 Wisconsin Act 272

AN ACT to renumber 59.55 (2); to renumber and amend 59.55 (1); and to create 59.55 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes, relating to the form of a county tract index.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 59.55 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 59.55 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

59.55 (1) (intro.) The county board by ordinance may require the register shall also of deeds to keep a tract index in suitable any one of the following forms, as specified by the county board:

(a) Suitable books, so ruled and arranged that opposite to the description of each quarter section, sectional lot, town, city or village lot or other subdivision of land in the county, which a convenient arrangement may require to be noted, there shall be a blank space of at least forty 40 square inches in which ~~he~~ the register shall enter in ink the letter or numeral indicating each volume, and the class of records of ~~such~~ that volume designating mortgages by the letter M, deeds by the letter D, and miscellaneous by the abbreviation Mis., and the register of attachments, sales and notices by the letter R, together with the page of ~~said~~ that volume upon which any deed, mortgage or other instrument affecting the title to or mentioning ~~such~~ a tract or any part thereof shall

~~heretofore have has been or may hereafter be recorded or entered; provided, that no such index shall be kept in any county where none now exists until ordered by the county board to be made; but no such.~~

(2) No index, when once made in any county, shall ever thereafter established under sub. (1) may be discontinued, unless such the county has or shall adopt, keep and maintain establishing the index adopts, keeps and maintains a complete abstract of title to the real estate therein in the county as a part of the records of the office of the register of deeds thereof of that county.

SECTION 2. 59.55 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes are created to read:

59.55 (1) (b) An electronic data processing system or a system of machine-printed forms or cards.

(c) Any other system that will allow the register of deeds to keep a tract index which contains information substantially equivalent to the information required to be contained in the tract index system under par. (a).

SECTION 3. 59.55 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 59.55 (2m).