

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 633  
HOUSE BILL 659

AN ACT TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF SATELLITE REGISTER OF DEEDS  
OFFICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS AT  
THOSE OFFICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**"§ 161-14.3. Satellite offices.**

(a) The board of county commissioners may by resolution establish one or more satellite offices of the register of deeds at locations in the county other than the seat of government. Before a satellite office is established, the register of deeds shall certify to the board of county commissioners that the recording and indexing procedures to be used in the satellite office comply in all respects with the law and have been approved by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Land Records Management Program, Land Resources Division. The register of deeds also will certify that all instruments presented for registration and other documents presented for recording will be registered or recorded in the order in which they are presented, regardless of the location where they are presented.

(b) Any instrument registered or document recorded at a satellite office of the register of deeds on or after the effective date of a resolution adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be considered for all purposes a legally registered instrument or recorded document, and such instruments and documents shall be considered the same as though they had been registered or recorded in the register of deeds office at the seat of government."

Sec. 2. This act shall apply to Guilford and Moore Counties only.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 1989.