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HOUSE BILL 1581
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Short Title: Electronic Register of Deed Filings. (Local)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AFFECTING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND PLATS FILED WITH THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 66-58.4 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 66-58.4. Use of electronic signatures.**

(a) All public agencies may accept electronic signatures.

~~(b) Signatures that require attestation by a notary public may not be in the form of an electronic signature.~~"

SECTION 2. G.S. 47-30(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Plats to Be Reproducible. – Each plat presented for recording shall be a reproducible plat, either original ink on polyester film (mylar), or a reproduced drawing, transparent and archival (as defined by the American National Standards Institute), <u>or an "electronic record" (as defined in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act)</u> and submitted in this form. The recorded plat must be such that the public may obtain legible copies. A direct or photographic copy of each recorded plat shall be placed in the plat book or plat file maintained for that purpose and properly indexed for use. In those counties in which the register has made a security copy of the plat from which legible copies can be made, the original may be returned to the person indicated on the plat."

SECTION 3. This act applies to documents filed with the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds only.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.