

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1438

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING  
12 INSTRUMENTS WITH A COUNTY RECORDER; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING  
17 INSTRUMENTS WITH A COUNTY RECORDER.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-402 is amended to read as follows:  
23 14-15-402. Instruments to be recorded.

24 (a) It shall be the duty of each recorder to record in the books  
25 provided for his or her office all deeds, mortgages, conveyances, deeds of  
26 trust, bonds, covenants, defeasances, affidavits, powers of attorney,  
27 assignments, contracts, agreements, leases, or other instruments of writing  
28 of, or writing concerning, any lands and tenements or goods and chattels,  
29 which shall be proved or acknowledged according to law, that are authorized  
30 to be recorded in his or her office.

31 (b)(1) To be accepted by the recorder for recording purposes, all  
32 documents shall:

33 (A) Be on eight and one-half inch (8 1/2") by eleven inch  
34 (11") paper;

35 (B) Have a ~~two and one half inch (2 1/2")~~ three inch (3")  
36 margin at the right top of the first page, ~~one half inch (1/2") margin on the~~



1 ~~sides and bottoms of all pages~~ a minimum of one inch (1") on all other page  
2 margins, and a two and one-half inch (2 1/2") margin at the bottom of the  
3 last page;

4 (C) Have an area reserved on the top right of the first  
5 page for the file mark of the recorder;

6 (D) Contain the following information:

7 (i) The title of the document; ~~and~~

8 (ii) The name of the grantor and grantee, when  
9 applicable;

10 (iii) The date of the document;

11 (iv) The legal description on any document affecting  
12 the title;

13 (v) Any statutory address; and

14 (vi) If required, the reference book and pages;

15 (E) Be acknowledged in accordance with § 16-47-207; ~~and~~

16 (F) Be legible; ;

17 (G) Be on white, light-colored, twenty-pound weight paper  
18 without any watermark or logo;

19 (H) Be printed in black or dark ink on one (1) side only;

20 (I) Have no continuous form or permanent binding but may  
21 be stapled for presentation;

22 (J) Have no attachment to a page stapled or taped on other  
23 than a securely attached bar-coded label;

24 (K) Have a minimum ten-point font type;

25 (L) Have any signature written in dark blue ink; and

26 (M) Have each signed name typed, stamped, or printed below  
27 the signature.

28 (2)(A) The recorder shall have the discretion to waive the  
29 requirements of subdivision (b)(1) of this section for good cause.

30 (B) All documents and instruments executed before January  
31 1, 2004, shall be exempt from the requirements of subdivision (b)(1) of this  
32 section.

33 (C) All surveys and plats shall be exempt from the  
34 requirements of subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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