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New Changes When Recording Deeds in the Clerk's Office

Lawmakers pass legislation to curb property fraud in the state

(PULASKI COUNTY, AR) — According to Arkansas Act 752 of 2025, which goes into effect on August 5, 2025, there will be changes in the process for recording deeds in local county offices, including the Pulaski County Clerk's office. As a result, individuals submitting deeds should review the updated requirements below and ensure all documentation complies with the new guidelines before submission.

- Recording a document in person: The grantor (seller) or individuals who signed on behalf of the grantor must prove their identity by presenting with the deed a valid state or government-issued identification card or driver's license.
- Recording a document by mail: The grantor must enclose a photocopy of a valid identification card or driver's license along with the deed.
- Deeds lacking proper identification will be rejected. By law, copies of the photo identification will be filed by the recorder under seal. However, the identification will not be available for public view.

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"This legislation was enacted to help protect property owners from fraudulent activity and ensure that all deed recordings are traceable to an identifiable person," said Pulaski County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth. "We encourage all Pulaski County residents and professionals involved in real estate to prepare for the change."

The changes do NOT apply to the following person(s):

- Deeds that are electronically recorded through the county's e-recording system
- Deeds recorded by:
    - An attorney;
    - A real estate broker or agent;
    - A representative of a bank, mortgage company, or lending institution;
    - A title insurance agent, agency, or person affiliated with a title insurance agency;
    - The Commissioner of State Lands;
    - An individual representing the state or a political subdivision of the state;
    - The state, an Arkansas municipality, or a political subdivision of the state.

For questions regarding Act 752 of 2025, residents and professionals are encouraged to contact the Clerk's office at (501)340-8433.

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