

HOUSE BILL 176

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66,
Chapter 24, Part 1, relative to registration of
writings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-24-101(b), is amended by
deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Documents submitted to the county register for registration must be written using Times New Roman font with a minimum twelve-point font size. The county register may refuse to register a writing eligible for registration in accordance with this title, if such writing, in the opinion of the county register, is illegible or cannot be legibly recorded or reproduced unless the person seeking to register the writing attaches to it for recording an affidavit stating that such writing is the best available original and sets forth the following facts regarding the writing:

(A) The type of document or instrument;

(B) The grantor or grantors and grantee or grantees;

(C) The date of execution;

(D) The name of the person or persons authenticating or acknowledging the signature of the grantor or grantors, and their title, if any;

(E) A description of the real property, if any, being affected by the writing; and

(F) All other information or recitals required by law for the registration of the writing that would otherwise be placed on the writing itself.

(2) If an affidavit in the form and with the information as required by this subsection (b) is attached to the writing, the county register shall register the writing notwithstanding that the writing is illegible or cannot be legibly recorded or reproduced.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.