Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 346 of the Regular Session

1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/25/25 H3/4/25 H3/6/25 95th General Assembly As Engrossed: H2/25/25 H3/4/25 H3/6/25
3	Regular Session, 2025 HOUSE BILL 1367
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5	By: Representative Warren
6	By: Senator C. Penzo
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TITLE INSURANCE ACT; TO
10	REGULATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS BY A TITLE AGENT
11	AND A TITLE COMPANY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14	Subtitle
15	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TITLE INSURANCE
16	ACT; AND TO REGULATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC
17	RECORDS BY A TITLE AGENT AND A TITLE
18	COMPANY.
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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 § 23-103-417, concerning access to public
23	records under the Arkansas Title Insurance Act, is amended to add additional
24	subsections to read as follows:
25	(e)(l) If a city, county, or state government or government official
26	maintains, compiles, or keeps instruments of record affecting real property
27	in electronic format or as an electronic record as defined in § 14-14-111,
28	whether or not kept by the city, county, or state government or government
29	official directly or through a third-party provider, the city, county, or
30	state government or government official shall provide the instruments of
31	record affecting real property in their electronic format and in the time
32	required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section to
33	<u>a:</u>
34	(A) Title insurance agent;
35	(B) Title insurance agency; or
36	(C) Person affiliated with a title insurance agency.



1	(2) An instrument of record affecting real estate that is
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	provided under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall not bear any
3	watermark or other notation that does not appear on the original record.
4	(3) A reasonable fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars
5	(\$150) per month may be charged for providing the instruments under
6	subdivision (e)(1) of this section.
7	(f) If a city, county, or state government or government official that
8	maintains, compiles, or keeps instruments of record affecting real property
9	<u>does not maintain instruments in electronic format or as an electronic</u>
10	record, then the city, county, or state government or government official
11	shall provide the instruments of record affecting real property in the form
12	of a mechanical reproduction in the time required under subdivision (b)(1) of
13	this section to a:
14	(1) Title insurance agent;
15	(2) Title insurance agency; or
16	(3) Person affiliated with a title insurance agency.
17	/s/Warren
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