

**STANDARDIZATION OF FORMS LEGISLATION
PUBLIC ACT #87-1197, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1995**

The Illinois legislature has enacted a revision to the Recording Act, effective for documents dated after January 1, 1995, which provides for the standardization of recorded documents. Those documents recorded with dates subsequent to January 1, 1995, which do not conform to the new requirements, will require additional recording fees amounting to twice the base recording fee which would otherwise be collected.

The following standards are required under the new law:

- (1) The document shall consist of one or more individual sheets measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches, not permanently bound, and not a continuous form;
- (2) The document shall be printed in black ink, typewritten or computer generated, in at least 10 point type;
- (3) The document shall be on white paper of not less than 20 pound weight, and shall have a clean margin of at least one half inch on the top, the bottom, and each side;
- (4) The first page of the document shall contain a blank space, measuring at least 3 inches by 5 inches, in the upper right hand corner;
- (5) The document shall not have any attachment stapled or otherwise affixed to any page.