
SENATE BILL 6514

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By Senators Tom, McCaslin, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to identification of real property; amending RCW
2 64.04.010; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the practices of
5 Washington's county assessors have modernized so that real property is
6 identified by tax parcel number. The legislature intends to clarify
7 existing law that for purchase agreements of undivided tax parcels, the
8 assessor's tax parcel number and county location may be used instead of
9 a legal description.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 64.04.010 and 1929 c 33 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 Every conveyance of real estate, or any interest therein, and every
13 contract creating or evidencing any encumbrance upon real estate, shall
14 be by deed: PROVIDED, That:

15 (1) When real estate, or any interest therein, is held in trust,
16 the terms and conditions of which trust are of record, and the
17 instrument creating such trust authorizes the issuance of certificates
18 or written evidence of any interest in said real estate under said

1 trust, and authorizes the transfer of such certificates or evidence of
2 interest by assignment by the holder thereof by a simple writing or by
3 endorsement on the back of such certificate or evidence of interest or
4 delivery thereof to the vendee, such transfer shall be valid, and all
5 such assignments or transfers hereby authorized and heretofore made in
6 accordance with the provisions of this section are hereby declared to
7 be legal and valid; and

8 (2) An executory contract need not contain a complete legal
9 description of the real estate, if the subject of the contract is one
10 or more undivided tax parcels and the contract includes the name of the
11 county and the assessor's tax parcel identification number or numbers.

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