

IC 34-41

ARTICLE 41. EVIDENCE: REAL ESTATE RECORDS

IC 34-41-1

Chapter 1. Deeds and Other Real Estate Records

IC 34-41-1-1

Admission of copies

Sec. 1. Admission of a copy of a deed is governed by IC 34-37-1-8.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37.

IC 34-41-1-2

Seals

Sec. 2. The circumstances under which seals are required on deeds and other instruments conveying land are governed by IC 32-21-1-12 and IC 34-37-1.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37. Amended by P.L.2-2002, SEC.100.

IC 34-41-1-3

United States land office records; sale of canal or Michigan road lands

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to the following documents kept at any land office of the United States located in Indiana or at any office for the sale of canal or Michigan road lands:

- (1) The register, catalog, tractbook, platbook, and description of lands.
- (2) Copies of documents described in subdivision (1) that are duly certified as true and complete by the proper custodian of the document.
- (3) Copies of documents described in subdivision (1) that are:
 - (A) duly certified by the commissioner of the department of administration as true and complete copies from the original documents, or from copies of the original documents; and
 - (B) legally deposited in the land office division of the department of administration.

(b) Documents described in subsection (a) are admissible in evidence in civil actions in all courts in Indiana, and are prima facie evidence of the truth of their contents.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37.

IC 34-41-1-4

Certificate of purchase; United States land office

Sec. 4. Every certificate of purchase at a land office of the United States is evidence of legal title to the land described in the certificate.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37.

IC 34-41-1-5

Michigan road lands; sales; register

Sec. 5. (a) The:

- (1) register of the sales of the Michigan road lands located in the Indiana state archives, commission on public records; and
- (2) certified copies of any entry in the register under the seal of Indiana;

are admissible in evidence in all courts and places.

(b) The register, or a certified copy of the entry of the sale of a tract of land described in the register, by any person named in the register as the purchaser of the land, is prima facie evidence that:

- (1) the person designated in the register was the purchaser of the land; and
- (2) the title to the land has been conveyed by the state to the purchaser in fee simple.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37.

IC 34-41-1-6

Land patents; certificates of purchase; evidence

Sec. 6. The following documents are admissible in evidence in all courts and places, with the same force and effect as if the original were produced:

- (1) The record of all:
 - (A) patents;
 - (B) certificates of purchase; and
 - (C) other evidence in writing of the sale of real estate; whether issued by the United States or this state, or made by any person or corporation.
- (2) All duly certified copies of the record of the documents described in subdivision (1).

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.37.