

**HB0951 Real Property - Recordation and Land Records - Revisions**  
**Economic Matters – February 26, 2026**  
**Sponsors: Delegate Marvin Holmes, Jr.**  
**Position: Favorable**

**Testimony of Mahasin El Amin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Prince George’s County.**

Thank you, Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and members of the committee, for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 0951. For the record, my name is Mahasin El Amin, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County. I am speaking on behalf of all 24 Clerks of Court.

I support HB 0951 because it removes a three-inch margin requirement. Several title companies have implemented this rule by shrinking the entire first page of the land record instrument which in turn makes the type on the first page so small that often the instrument is barely readable. Eliminating the three-inch margin will alleviate this problem and will not impact the overall recordation of the document.

We have also added language that will track changes and corrections to the General Alphabetical Index so that accurate tracking of the changes made to the land records can be documented completely. The tracking language was inadvertently removed in a previous bill and we need it to be reinstated to allow for complete and accurate title searches.

I ask for a favorable report on HB 0951, and I would like to thank Delegate Holmes for sponsoring this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I am available if you have any questions.