

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 694  
HOUSE BILL 839

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES SIGNING  
2 INSTRUMENTS TO BE REGISTERED OR FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
3 REGISTER OF DEEDS AND TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM OF INDEXING WHEN THE  
4 PRINTED AND WRITTEN NAME OF SIGNERS OF INSTRUMENTS IS IN  
5 CONFLICT.

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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina to enact:

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9       **Section 1.** Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section  
10 to be designated as G.S. 161-14.2, and to read as follows:

11       **"G.S. 161-14.2. Indexing procedures for instruments and documents filed in the office of  
12 the register of deeds.** The following procedure shall be used in making index entries:

- 13       (1) When each word of the signature is legible and it gives the complete name of  
14 the party, the signature shall govern.
- 15       (2) When the signature is legible but initials or abbreviations are used, any  
16 additional information given by the printed or typed name and not in conflict  
17 with the signature shall govern.
- 18       (3) When none of the words in the signature are legible, the printed or typed  
19 name shall govern.
- 20       (4) When one or more of the words in the signature are legible, then the words  
21 that are legible shall govern; the words that appear in the printed or typed  
22 name shall govern over the words of the signature that are not legible.
- 23       (5) When the spelling of any word in a legible signature and the spelling of the  
24 corresponding word in the typed or printed name is at variance, and the  
25 variance would cause the entries to be made at different places in the index,  
26 then the instrument shall be indexed under both spellings.
- 27       (6) When a reasonable interpretation of an illegible word in a signature is at  
28 variance with the corresponding word in a typed or printed name, and the  
29 variance would cause the entries to be made at different places in the index,  
30 then the instrument shall be indexed in both places.

31       **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are  
32 hereby repealed.

33       **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1969.  
34       In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of June,  
35 1969.