

**600.21 COPIES OF RECORD OF DEATH; RECORDATION.**

In all cases of joint tenancy in lands, and in all cases where any estate, title interest in, or lien upon, lands, has been or may be created, which estate, title interest, or lien was, or is, to continue only during the life of any person named or described in the instrument by which such estate, title, interest, or lien was created, a copy of the record of the death of any such joint tenant, or of the person upon whose life such estate, title, interest, or lien was, or is, limited, duly certified by any officer who is required by the law of the state or country in which such record is made, to keep a record of the death of persons occurring within the jurisdiction of such officer, may be recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles of the county in which such lands are situated, and such certified copy or such record thereof in such office, or a duly certified copy of such last mentioned record, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the death of such person and the termination of such joint tenancy and of all such estate, title, interest, and lien as was, or is, limited upon the life of such person. When a certified copy of such death record is attached to an affidavit of survivorship the same shall, prior to recordation in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles, be presented to the county auditor of the county wherein such estate, title, interest, or lien is situated and the county auditor shall note the transfer on the books and shall inscribe upon the instrument over the auditor's official signature the words "Transfer entered." Until so presented and indication made thereon, said instrument shall not be entitled to record in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles of said county.

**History:** (9870) 1913 c 251 s 1; 1953 c 150 s 1; 1967 c 850 s 4; 1969 c 228 s 2; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1981 c 49 s 11; 1984 c 514 art 4 s 14; 1986 c 444; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 15 s 32; 2005 c 4 s 152