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**WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 39**  
**ARTICLE 2**

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**§39-2-1. Preparation of general index.**

The county court of any county may order the clerk of such court to provide a general index for the deed books, trust deed books, judgment lien docket, marriage records, release deed books, or other record books, or any of them, in such clerk's office; and may order the clerk of the circuit court, or the clerk of any other court of record, of such county to provide a general index for the law and chancery order books, or other record books, or any of them, in his office; or may let to the lowest bidder a contract to provide any such general index or indexes.

**§39-2-2. Contents of general indexes.**

In the appropriate general index in the office of the clerk of the county court, to the extent that the same has been or shall be provided, shall be indexed the names of all grantors and grantees of deeds, trust deeds, release deeds, contracts, leases, or other writings; the names of the parties to marriage records; and the names of all persons for or against whom judgments or decrees are rendered. Where a deed has been executed by a trustee, a special commissioner or other officer, it shall be indexed in the name of the former owner of the property conveyed, as well as in the name of the person executing such deed. In the general index in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, or other court of record, to the extent that such index has been or shall be provided, shall be indexed the names of all plaintiffs and defendants, versus and adversus, for or against whom judgments or decrees have been rendered, at law or in chancery. In addition to the foregoing requirements, any clerk may include, or direct to be included, in any general index, such data as he shall deem proper. It shall be the duty of every clerk for whose office a general index has been provided, to make all proper entries in each general index in his office within a reasonable time after making the recordation to which the index entry pertains.

**§39-2-3. Records of county courts and other courts -- Binding or transcribing.**

The county court of any county may order any of the books and records in its clerk's office and either the county court or the circuit court, or any other court of record, may order any of its own books or records, to be bound or transcribed, and shall make a reasonable allowance therefor, which shall be paid out of the county treasury.

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**§39-2-4. Records of county courts and other courts -- Binding or transcribing -- Prerequisites; effect.**

No such allowance shall be made for any transcript until commissioners appointed for the purpose by the court ordering the transcript to be made shall have examined it and written at the foot thereof a certificate of its correctness. Thenceforth the same faith and credit shall be given to it that the book or record transcribed would have been entitled to.

**§39-2-5. Records of county courts and other courts -- Binding or transcribing --  
Removal from county.**

Any court authorized by section three of this article to have any books or records rebound may have the same taken out of the county for such purpose.

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**§39-2-6. Records of county commissions, correction recordation.**

Every clerk of a county commission shall establish a system which will permanently record any corrections made to any index under his or her care, custody and control. Such recordation of correction shall include the date such correction was made.

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