

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance of records by a notary public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 406.014, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) A notary public other than a court clerk notarizing instruments for the court shall keep in a book a record of:

(1) the date of each instrument notarized;

(2) the date of each [~~the~~] notarization;

(3) the name and signature of the signer, grantor, or maker;

(4) the signer's, grantor's, or maker's residence or alleged residence;

(5) whether the signer, grantor, or maker is personally known by the notary public, was identified by an identification card issued by a governmental agency or a passport issued by the United States, or was introduced to the notary public and, if introduced, the name and residence or alleged residence of the individual introducing the signer, grantor, or maker;

(6) if the instrument is proved by a witness, the residence of the witness, whether the witness is personally known by the notary public or was introduced to the notary public and, if introduced, the name and residence of the individual introducing

1 the witness;

2 (7) the name and residence of the grantee;

3 (8) if land is conveyed or charged by the instrument,
4 the name of the original grantee and the county where the land is
5 located; and

6 (9) a brief description of the instrument.

7 (e) A notary public may maintain the records required by
8 Subsection (a), other than the signature of the signer, grantor, or
9 maker, electronically in a computer or other storage device.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.