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H.B. No. 3091

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to acknowledgement of written instruments.

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

SECTION 1. Section 121.005(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An officer may not take the acknowledgment of a written instrument unless the officer knows or has satisfactory evidence that the acknowledging person is the person who executed the instrument and is described in it. An officer may accept, as satisfactory evidence of the identity of an acknowledging person, only:

(1) the oath of a credible witness personally known to the officer; or

(2) a current identification card or other document issued by the federal government, a foreign government, or any state government that contains the photograph and signature of the acknowledging person.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.