

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2108
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, an owner of certain livestock is required to file brands, earmarks, tattoos, electronic devices, and other types of marks on those animals with the county clerk and to rerecord those marks every 10 years. This manual filing and rerecording process is time-consuming for a county clerk and may require additional labor in some counties. C.S.H.B. 2108 authorizes a county clerk to accept an electronic filing or rerecording of such marks.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2108 amends the Agriculture Code to authorize a county clerk to accept electronic filing or rerecording of an earmark, brand, tattoo, electronic device, or other type of mark on cattle, hogs, sheep, or goats for which a recording is required by provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 2108 differs from the original by authorizing a county clerk to accept electronic filing or rerecording of certain marks on livestock, whereas the original authorizes a county clerk to accept or require such a filing or rerecording.