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H.B. No. 122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to proof that is acceptable for identifying individuals  
3 acknowledging written instruments.

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

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

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

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

15 (2) a current identification card or other document  
16 issued by the federal government or any state government that  
17 contains the photograph and signature of the acknowledging person;  
18 or

19 (3) a current passport issued by a foreign country.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.