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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, a foreign government, or any
17 state government that contains the photograph and signature of the
18 acknowledging person.

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