

AN ACT

relating to the use of facsimile signatures for certain documents involving certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (3), Section 618.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Eligible contract" means a written evidence of agreement, including a contract, purchase order, and surety bond, and any related document, including an application, certificate, and approval, other than a public security or instrument of payment, that is executed, authenticated, certified, or endorsed for or on behalf of a home-rule municipality with a population of 200,000 [~~1.9 million~~] or more.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 342.007, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To obtain a lien against the property, the mayor, municipal health authority, or municipal official designated by the mayor must file a statement of expenses with the county clerk of the county in which the municipality is located. The lien statement must state the name of the owner, if known, and the legal description of the property. A signature on a lien statement may be a facsimile signature as defined by Section 618.002, Government Code. The lien attaches upon the filing of the lien statement with the county clerk.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 577 passed the Senate on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 577 passed the House on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor