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S.B. No. 577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of facsimile signatures for certain documents  
3 involving certain municipalities.

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

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

7 (3) "Eligible contract" means a written evidence of  
8 agreement, including a contract, purchase order, and surety bond,  
9 and any related document, including an application, certificate,  
10 and approval, other than a public security or instrument of  
11 payment, that is executed, authenticated, certified, or endorsed  
12 for or on behalf of a home-rule municipality with a population of  
13 200,000 [~~1.9 million~~] or more.

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

16 (b) To obtain a lien against the property, the mayor,  
17 municipal health authority, or municipal official designated by the  
18 mayor must file a statement of expenses with the county clerk of the  
19 county in which the municipality is located. The lien statement  
20 must state the name of the owner, if known, and the legal  
21 description of the property. A signature on a lien statement may be  
22 a facsimile signature as defined by Section 618.002, Government  
23 Code. The lien attaches upon the filing of the lien statement with  
24 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.