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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2   relating to the publication of a list of certain residential

3   property claimed without record title.

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

5   SECTION 1. Title 2, Property Code, is amended by adding

6   Chapter 6 to read as follows:

7   CHAPTER 6. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLAIMED WITHOUT RECORD TITLE

8   Sec. 6.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to

9   residential property if:

10   (1) a person who may be entitled to claim an ownership

11   interest in the property cannot be located after a reasonable

12   effort; and

13   (2) ownership of the property is established under

14   Section 2306.188, Government Code.

15   Sec. 6.002. PROPERTY REPORT. (a) For residential property

16   for which ownership is established during the one-year period

17   preceding June 30 of each year, the Texas Department of Housing and

18   Community Affairs shall file a report with the comptroller on or

19   before the following November 1.

20   (b) The property report must include:

21   (1) the address of the residential property;

22   (2) the name of each person establishing ownership

23   under Section 2306.188, Government Code; and

24   (3) the name of each person who may be entitled to

1 claim an ownership interest in the property.

2   Sec. 6.003. LIST OF OWNERS. (a) Each year, the comptroller

3 shall compile and revise an alphabetical list of the names and

4 addresses reported to the comptroller under Section 6.002.

5   (b) The comptroller shall make the list available on the

6 Internet.

7   (c) The comptroller shall remove a name or address

8 associated with a property from the list on request of a person who

9 establishes record title to the property.

10   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

14 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.