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S.B. No. 251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 132.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (e) and (f), an unsworn declaration made under this section must include a jurat in substantially the following form:

"My name is _____, my
(First) (Middle) (Last)
date of birth is _____, and my address is
_____, _____, _____, _____,
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
and _____. I declare under penalty of
(Country)
perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on
the _____ day of _____, _____.
(Month) (Year)

Declarant"

1 (f) An unsworn declaration made under this section by an
2 employee of a state agency or a political subdivision in the
3 performance of the employee's job duties, must include a jurat in
4 substantially the following form:

5 "My name is _____,
6 (First) (Middle) (Last)

7 and I am an employee of the following governmental
8 agency: _____. I am executing this
9 declaration as part of my assigned duties and
10 responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury
11 that the foregoing is true and correct.

12 Executed in _____ County, State of
13 _____, on the _____ day of _____, _____.
14 (Month) (Year)

15 _____
16 Declarant"

17 SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 132.001, Civil Practice
18 and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an unsworn
19 declaration executed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
20 unsworn declaration executed before the effective date of this Act
21 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective
22 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.