

AN ACT

relating to authorizing certain persons to file documents electronically for recording with a county clerk.

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

SECTION 1. Section 195.003, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The following persons may file electronic documents or other documents electronically for recording with a county clerk that accepts electronic filing and recording under this chapter:

(1) an attorney licensed in this state;

(2) a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union doing business under laws of the United States or this state;

(3) a federally chartered lending institution, a federal government-sponsored entity, an instrumentality of the federal government, or a person approved as a mortgagee by the United States to make federally insured loans;

(4) a person licensed to make regulated loans in this state;

(5) a title insurance company or title insurance agent licensed to do business in this state; ~~or~~

(6) an agency of this state; or

(7) a municipal clerk.

1 (a-1) In addition to persons listed under Subsection (a), a
2 county may authorize a person to file electronic documents or other
3 documents electronically for recording with a county clerk if the
4 county enters into a memorandum of understanding with the person
5 for that purpose. This subsection applies only to a county with a
6 population of 500,000 or more.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

S.B. No. 1437

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1437 passed the Senate on April 9, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1437 passed the House on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor