By: Creighton S.B. No. 1020

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the designation of the trustee of an express trust as a
- 3 beneficiary of a trust account or a P.O.D. payee of a P.O.D.
- 4 account.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 113.001, Estates Code, is amended by
- 7 amending Subdivisions (2) and (5) and adding Subdivision (2-b) to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 (2) "Beneficiary" means a person or trustee of an
- 10 express trust evidenced by a writing who is named in a trust account
- 11 <u>as a person</u> for whom a party to the account is named as trustee.
- 12 (2-b) "Express trust" has the meaning assigned by
- 13 <u>Section 111.004</u>, <u>Property Code</u>.
- 14 (5) "P.O.D. payee" means a person, trustee of an
- 15 <u>express trust evidenced by a writing</u>, or charitable organization
- 16 designated on a P.O.D. account as a person to whom the account is
- 17 payable on request after the death of one or more persons.
- SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 19 an account created on or after the effective date of this Act. An
- 20 account created before the effective date of this Act is covered by
- 21 the law in effect on the date the account was created, and the
- 22 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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- 1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.