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S.B. No. 1098

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to recordings, acknowledgments, and proofs of certain written instruments.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 406.014(a) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A notary public other than a court clerk notarizing instruments for the court shall keep in a book a record of:

(1) the date of each instrument notarized;

(2) the date of the notarization;

(3) the name of the signer, grantor, or maker;

(4) the signer's, grantor's, or maker's mailing address [~~residence or alleged residence~~];

(5) whether the signer, grantor, or maker is personally known by the notary public, was identified by an identification card issued by a governmental agency or a passport issued by the United States, or was introduced to the notary public and, if introduced, the name and mailing address [~~residence or alleged residence~~] of the individual introducing the signer, grantor, or maker;

(6) if the instrument is proved by a witness, the mailing address [~~residence~~] of the witness, whether the witness is personally known by the notary public or was introduced to the notary public and, if introduced, the name and mailing address

1 [~~residence~~] of the individual introducing the witness;

2 (7) the name and mailing address [~~residence~~] of the  
3 grantee;

4 (8) if land is conveyed or charged by the instrument,  
5 the name of the original grantee and the county where the land is  
6 located; and

7 (9) a brief description of the instrument.

8 (c) A notary public shall, on payment of all fees, provide a  
9 certified copy of any record of official acts in the notary public's  
10 book of record [~~office~~] to any person requesting the copy.

11 SECTION 2. Sections [121.012](#)(b) and (c), Civil Practice and  
12 Remedies Code, are amended to read as follows:

13 (b) If the execution of the instrument is acknowledged by  
14 the grantor of the instrument, the statement must also contain:

15 (1) the grantor's mailing address [~~known or alleged~~  
16 ~~residence~~];

17 (2) whether the grantor is personally known to the  
18 officer; and

19 (3) if the grantor is unknown to the officer, the name  
20 and mailing address [~~residence~~] of the person who introduced the  
21 grantor to the officer, if any.

22 (c) If the execution of the instrument is proved by a  
23 witness who signed the instrument, the statement must also contain:

24 (1) the name of the witness;

25 (2) the mailing address [~~known or alleged residence~~]  
26 of the witness;

27 (3) whether the witness is personally known to the

1 officer; and

2                   (4) if the witness is unknown to the officer, the name  
3 and mailing address [~~known or alleged residence~~] of the person who  
4 introduced the witness to the officer, if any.

5           SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply to the  
6 notarization, acknowledgment, or proof of a written instrument made  
7 on or after the effective date of this Act. A notarization,  
8 acknowledgment, or proof of a written instrument made before the  
9 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
10 date the notarization, acknowledgment, or proof was made, and the  
11 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.