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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 815 |
| By: Kuempel |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been suggested that requiring photo identification to file certain documents with a county clerk helps to deter fraudulent filings. H.B. 815 authorizes a county clerk to require a person presenting a document in person for filing in the real property records of the county to present a photo identification to the clerk regardless of the county's population. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 815 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a county clerk to require a person presenting a document in person for filing in the real property records of the county to present a photo identification to the clerk regardless of the county's population by removing the minimum population threshold. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |