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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the authority of entities regulated by the Texas
- 3 Department of Insurance to conduct business electronically.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 35.003, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 35.003. ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED. A
- 8 regulated entity may conduct business electronically to the same
- 9 extent that the entity is authorized to conduct business otherwise
- 10  $\underline{\text{unless}}$  [ $\frac{\text{if}}{\text{i}}$ ] before the conduct of business each party to the
- 11 business agrees to conduct the business with written physical
- 12 documents [electronically].
- SECTION 2. Section 35.003, Insurance Code, as amended by
- 14 this Act, applies only to business conducted on or after the
- 15 effective date of this Act. Business conducted before the effective
- 16 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
- 17 business was conducted, and that law is continued in effect for that
- 18 purpose.
- 19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.