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S.B. No. 1640

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring witnesses to sign an instrument conveying
3 real property interest.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 5, Property Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 5.0025 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 5.0025. WITNESSES TO CONVEYANCE REQUIRED. An
8 instrument intended as a conveyance of real property or an interest
9 in real property is invalid unless the instrument is attested by two
10 or more credible witnesses who are at least 14 years of age and who
11 subscribe their names to the instrument in their own handwriting in
12 the grantor's presence.

13 SECTION 2. Section 5.0025, Property Code, as added by this
14 Act, applies only to an instrument executed on or after the
15 effective date of this Act. An instrument executed before the
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed
17 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.