

1-1 By: Leach, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 1748
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2023;
 1-3 April 13, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 5, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 5, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the use of a facsimile signature on certain public
 1-22 securities and related certificates.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 618.003, Government Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 618.003. AUTHORITY FOR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE. (a) An
 1-27 [~~Except as provided by Section 618.004, an~~] authorized officer may
 1-28 execute, authenticate, certify, or endorse or authorize to be
 1-29 executed, authenticated, certified, or endorsed with the officer's
 1-30 facsimile signature instead of the officer's manual signature:

1-31 (1) a public security, instrument of payment, or
 1-32 certificate of assessment, if the use of the facsimile signature is
 1-33 authorized by the board, body, or officer empowered to authorize
 1-34 the issuance of the security, instrument, or certificate; or

1-35 (2) an eligible contract, if the use of the facsimile
 1-36 signature is authorized by the governing body of the municipality.

1-37 (b) A facsimile signature of the comptroller, or of a deputy
 1-38 designated in writing to act for the comptroller, may be placed on a
 1-39 public security required to be registered by the comptroller or a
 1-40 certificate on that security.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 618.004, Government Code, is repealed.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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