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H.B. No. 2186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county clerk to require a person to present photo identification to file a document in the real property records of a county.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 191.010, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 191.010. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO FILE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS [~~IN CERTAIN COUNTIES~~].

SECTION 2. Section 191.010, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) A county clerk [~~in a county with a population of 800,000 or more~~] may 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. The clerk may copy the photo identification or record information from the photo identification. The clerk may not charge a person a fee to copy or record the information from a photo identification.

(b-1) A county clerk that requires a person to present photo identification under Subsection (b) may not accept a document for filing in the real property records of the county if the person presents the document in person and does not have or refuses to provide a photo identification.

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