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H.B. No. 1681

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain county clerks to require an individual to present photo identification to file certain documents.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 191, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 191.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 191.010. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO FILE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) A county clerk in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more may require a person presenting a document in person for filing in the real property records of the county to present to the clerk a photo identification verifying the identity of the person. The clerk may determine the forms of photo identification that may be presented to verify the identity of the person. 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) Information copied or recorded from the photo identification is confidential.

(c) A document filed with a county clerk is not invalid solely because the county clerk did not copy a photo identification or record the information from the photo identification.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.