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H.B. No. 3113

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a business to file electronic documents with a county clerk that accepts electronic filing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 195.003(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following persons may file electronic documents or other documents electronically for recording with a county clerk that accepts electronic filing and recording under this chapter:

(1) an attorney licensed in this state;

~~(2) [a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union doing business under laws of the United States or this state,~~

~~[(3)]~~ a federally chartered lending institution, a federal government-sponsored entity, an instrumentality of the federal government, or a person approved as a mortgagee by the United States to make federally insured loans;

(3) ~~[(4)]~~ a person licensed to make regulated loans in this state;

(4) ~~[(5)] a title insurance company or title insurance agent licensed to do business in this state,~~

~~[(6)]~~ an agency of this state;

(5) ~~[or~~

~~[(7)]~~ a municipal clerk; or

1           (6) a business, including:

2                   (A) a bank, savings and loan association, savings  
3 bank, or credit union doing business under laws of the United States  
4 or this state;

5                   (B) a title insurance company or title insurance  
6 agent licensed to do business in this state; and

7                   (C) a utility, including a nonprofit utility  
8 corporation or cooperative.

9           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
10 electronic documents filed on or after the effective date of this  
11 Act. Electronic documents filed before the effective date of this  
12 Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the document was  
13 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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