

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 815  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been suggested that requiring photo identification to file certain documents with a county clerk helps to deter fraudulent filings. H.B. 815 authorizes a county clerk to 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 regardless of the county's population.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 815 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a county clerk to 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 regardless of the county's population by removing the minimum population threshold.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.