

CHAPTER 297

H.B. No. 2018

AN ACT

relating to the voluntary designation of homestead.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 41.005(c), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) To designate property as a homestead, a person or persons, as applicable, must make the designation in an instrument that is signed and acknowledged or proved in the manner required for the recording of other instruments. The person or persons must file the designation with the county clerk of the county in which all or part of the property is located. The clerk shall record the designation in the county deed records. The designation must contain:

- (1) a description sufficient to identify the property designated;
- (2) a statement by the person or persons who executed the instrument that the property is designated as the homestead of the person's family or as the homestead of a single adult person not otherwise entitled to a homestead; *and*

(3) [~~the name of the original grantee of the property; and~~

[(4)] for a rural homestead, the number of acres designated and, if there is more than one survey, the number of acres in each.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 27, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.