

## CHAPTER 555

H.B. No. 2750

## AN ACT

relating to certain requirements for legal papers filed with a county clerk.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 191.007(b), (h), and (k), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A page is considered to be one side of a sheet of paper. A page must:

(1) be no wider than 8½ inches and no longer than 14 inches;

(2) have a sufficient weight and substance so that printing, typing, or handwriting on it will not smear or bleed through; and

(3) *be printed in type not smaller than eight-point type and be suitable otherwise for reproducing from it a readable record by a photocopy or photostatic or microphotographic process used in the office of the county clerk.*

(h) The filing fee or recording fee for each page of a legal paper that is presented for filing or recording to a county clerk and fails to meet one or more of the requirements prescribed by Subsections (b) through (g) is equal to twice the regular filing fee or recording fee provided by statute for that page. *However, the failure of a page to meet the requirement prescribed by Subsection (b)(3) relating to type size does not result in a fee increase under this subsection.*

(k) This section does not authorize a county clerk to refuse to record a legal paper for the reason that it fails to meet one or more of the requirements prescribed by Subsections (b) through (g). *Failure to comply with these requirements shall not in any manner alter, amend, impair, or invalidate any document or legal instrument of any type or character and upon recordation by the county clerk the document or legal instrument shall be deemed and considered as fully complying with the provisions of law dealing with the recordation of documents or legal instruments of every type and character.*

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 10, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 8, 1993.

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