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Bill Analysis

SB 212 clarifies that no alien or any person who is not a citizen of the United States may directly or indirectly, through a business entity or trust, own land in the state unless otherwise authorized by current law. Businesses that are engaged in regulated interstate commerce in accordance with federal law exempt from this prohibition. The measure also required any deed recorded with a county clerk to include an affidavit executed by the person or entity coming into title attesting that the person, business entity, or trust is lawfully obtaining the land. The measure also requires an affidavit before a county clerk may record any deed and authorizes the Attorney General to promulgate separate affidavit forms for certain individuals and businesses with the exception of those deeds which the Attorney General deems necessary when promulgating the affidavit form.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 212 adds language relating to requiring an affidavit prior to the recording of a deed and the Attorney General promulgating separate affidavit forms.

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