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County Clerk Laura Richard Launches Modernized E-Certification System

FEBRUARY 2, 2026 — Fort Bend County Clerk Laura Richard is proud to announce the official Phase One launch of a new, modernized document certification system designed to enhance security, accessibility, and convenience for the public. The secure program debuted on December 15, 2025, for the County Clerk's Courts Division staff and represents a significant expansion of services aimed at protecting and providing access to certified court documents.

Phase one of the e-certification system allows walk-in customers at the counter to obtain self-validating, tamper-evident certified copies of court records in a secure, efficient manner. Phase Two of this service will provide online support, allowing users to request documents electronically and receive them in a secure, self-validating manner immediately. This modernization is especially beneficial for residents who live outside of Fort Bend County, as well as attorneys, businesses, and members of the public who require certified documents quickly and remotely with 24-hour access.

"Our office is committed to safeguarding the integrity of public records while also making them easier to access," said County Clerk Laura Richard. "When fully integrated, this new system strengthens document security and provides a convenient solution for those who cannot come in person to our offices or require certified documents outside of normal office hours."

By leveraging modern technology, the e-certification system enhances protections against fraud while streamlining the process for obtaining official records. The launch reflects the County Clerk's ongoing efforts to modernize services, improve customer experience, and ensure public records are both secure and accessible.

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