

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. BY: Harless

- 1 Amend S.B. No. 16 (house committee report) by adding the
- 2 following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering
- 3 subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:
- 4 SECTION ____. Section 405.022, Government Code, is amended
- 5 by adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:
- 6 (e) If a document to create a lien on real property is filed
- 7 with the secretary of state by an inmate or on behalf of an inmate
- 8 and a purported debtor or obligor named in the document is an
- 9 employee or board member of the Texas Department of Criminal
- 10 Justice who believes the document was fraudulently filed, the
- 11 purported debtor or obligor may, under penalty of perjury, file an
- 12 affidavit stating the impermissibility of the document with the
- 13 secretary of state. The secretary of state shall make a form
- 14 affidavit for use when filing an affidavit under this subsection.
- 15 On acceptance of an affidavit properly filed under this subsection,
- 16 the secretary of state shall:
- 17 (1) request the assistance of the attorney general to
- 18 determine whether the document was fraudulently filed; and
- 19 (2) file a termination statement with respect to the
- 20 document identified in the affidavit if the attorney general
- 21 determines that the document was fraudulently filed.
- (f) For purposes of a request under Subsection (e), the
- 23 attorney general may request the filer provide to the attorney
- 24 general documentation supporting the existence of the lien,
- 25 including documents described by Subsection (c).
- 26 (g) Notwithstanding Section 9.520, Business & Commerce
- 27 Code, the secretary of state may refuse to accept for filing a
- 28 record purporting to create a lien on real property if the attorney
- 29 general determines under Subsection (a) that the document submitted

1 for filing is fraudulent.