

**Information & Instructions: Electronic signatures and e-commerce**

# PREVIEW

On June 12, 2001, Texas adopted the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. The act added a new chapter to Chapter 43 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

The act makes electronic signatures legally binding, just as the related Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act- E-Sign.

E-Sign provides that in any transaction that effects interstate commerce an electronic signature, contract or record cannot be denied legal effect, validity or enforcement just because it is in an electronic form.

E-Sign defines an electronic signature as an electronic sound, symbol or process that is attached to or associated with a contract with the intent to constitute a signature. This may include a signature consisting of letters or numbers or an act such as clicking on an "I agree" button on a Web site.

E-Sign also provides that where a transaction is required to be evidenced in writing, the use of an electronic document will satisfy that requirement, subject to certain restrictions, including some consumer protections that are incorporated into the act.

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