

TEXAS TITLE EXAMINATION STANDARDS

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In 1989, the Council of the Section of Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law of the State Bar of Texas approved the formation of a committee to study the formulation and development of title examination standards. Through the newsletter of that Section, Section members were notified of the project. Lawyers from all parts of Texas responded evidencing their interest in working as active participants on this project. Subsequently, the Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section of the State Bar of Texas asked to co-sponsor this project.

After substantial study of the use of title examination standards and many hours of drafting and meeting time, proposed standards were published for comment in 1996 in the newsletters of both of the sponsoring sections. Following the receipt of comments from lawyers across Texas, additional revisions were made by the committee (now the "Title Standards Joint Editorial Board") and the proposed standards were once again published for comment in the Spring of 1997.

At the State Bar of Texas Convention on June 27, 1997, 33 standards were approved by both the Section of Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law and the Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section. The initial standards constitute the beginning of title examination standards in Texas. Under current procedure, the Title Standards Joint Editorial Board, appointed by these two sections, meets at least semiannually to consider amendments to existing standards and additional standards. As with these initial standards, amendments or new standards are presented to the membership of these two sections prior to formal adoption; however, the Board will make changes to the comments and cautions as needed. In keeping with this process, the Comments, Cautions, Sources, and Histories have been updated from the initial Standards.

On May 9, 2014, the Title Examination Joint Editorial Board proposed to add additional standards and to amend existing standards.

Please study the [PROPOSED NEW AND AMENDED TEXAS TITLE EXAMINATION STANDARDS](#) which contains these proposed additions together with proposed comments and cautions. The board requests and encourages you to submit your comments to the Editorial Board so that this work may be refined before adoption. The board also appreciates any recommendations that you may have to amend or augment the existing standards.

Please send your comments and suggestions by June 10, 2014 to:

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