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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 1137

5 By: Senator R. Thompson  
6 By: Representative *Broadaway*  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING REAL  
10 PROPERTY; TO ALLOW SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVITS TO CORRECT  
11 ERRORS IN INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL PROPERTY; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 PROPERTY; TO ALLOW SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVITS  
17 TO CORRECT ERRORS IN INSTRUMENTS  
18 AFFECTING REAL PROPERTY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 12, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 18-12-108. Scrivener's affidavits – Definition.

27 (a) As used in this section, "scrivener's affidavit" means a sworn and  
28 acknowledged affidavit relating to:

29 (1) The identification, marital status, heirship, relation,  
30 death, or the time of death of a person who is a party to an instrument  
31 affecting the title to real property;

32 (2) The identification of a corporation or other legal entity  
33 that is a party to an instrument affecting the title to real property; or

34 (3) The legal description to real property.

35 (b) A scrivener's affidavit may be executed and recorded by a:

36 (1) Licensed attorney who prepared the original instrument;



1 (2) Licensed attorney who represents a party to the original  
2 instrument;

3 (3) Party to the original instrument if the party prepared the  
4 original instrument; or

5 (4) Current employee of a title company that completed the form  
6 of the original instrument.

7 (c) A scrivener's affidavit shall:

8 (1) Be sworn to and acknowledged before a person authorized to  
9 administer an oath under the laws of this state;

10 (2) Conspicuously identify in its title that it is a  
11 "Scrivener's Affidavit"; and

12 (3) Contain the following information concerning the original  
13 instrument:

14 (A) The name of the person or entity that completed or  
15 prepared the original instrument;

16 (B) The names of all parties to the original instrument;

17 (C) The recording information, including the recording  
18 date of the original instrument; and

19 (D) A brief description of each error that the scrivener's  
20 affidavit is designed to correct.

21 (d) A scrivener's affidavit may be prepared in substantially the  
22 following form:

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24 SCRIVENER'S ERROR AFFIDAVIT

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26 KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that:

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28 [Name] prepared or completed the form of a [Type of instrument]  
29 with regard to a conveyance from [Name(s)] as [grantor,  
30 mortgagor, etc.] to [Name(s)] as [grantee,  
31 mortgagee, etc.] . The [Type of instrument] which was  
32 recorded in the records of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Arkansas, on [Date] ,  
33 as Instrument Number [in Book at Page ] contained a  
34 scrivener's error with regard to the [reason for correction(s)] .

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36 The aforementioned [Type of instrument] should reflect that the

1 [Type of instrument] read as follows:  
2 [Insert correction(s)]

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4 Further affiant sayeth naught.

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7 WITNESS my hand and seal on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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9 \_\_\_\_\_  
10 [Signature]  
11 Name printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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13 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

14 STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ }ss.  
16 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

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18 On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, before me, a Notary  
19 Public in and for the said county and state, personally appeared  
20 \_\_\_\_\_, to me well known, and acknowledged that [he/she] had executed  
21 the foregoing document for the consideration, uses, and purposes therein  
22 mentioned and set forth.

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24 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 Notary Public  
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29 My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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31 (e) A scrivener's affidavit that complies with this section in  
32 substantially the form provided by subsection (d) of this section or in a  
33 custom form shall be:

- 34 (1) Recorded by the county recorder in the land records of the  
35 county where the real property is located;  
36 (2) Indexed by the county recorder in the general index under

1 the names of the original parties to the instrument as they are identified in  
2 the scrivener's affidavit; and

3 (3) Admissible as evidence to the same extent as a deed or other  
4 instrument recorded pursuant to § 18-12-201 et seq. in an action involving  
5 the instrument to which it relates or the title to the real property affected  
6 by the instrument.

7 (f)(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (f)(2) and (3) of this  
8 section, notice of the corrective information provided by the scrivener's  
9 affidavit is effective at the time the scrivener's affidavit is recorded.

10 (2) If an error contained in a scrivener's affidavit is of an  
11 obvious nature, notice of the corrective information provided by the  
12 scrivener's affidavit is effective at the time the original instrument being  
13 corrected was recorded.

14 (3) Subdivision (f)(2) of this section does not apply to a bona  
15 fide purchaser for value of real property.

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18 /s/R. Thompson

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