Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1705 prohibits any foreign government or foreign government enterprise from acquiring title to or own land in the state. The measure also authorizes the use of a person's attorney-in-fact, a court-appointed guardian or personal representative, an authorized officer of the entity, or trustee of the trust to execute the affidavit when registering a deed with the county clerk. The measure provides that the required affidavit shall not apply to deeds which confirms, corrects, modifies, or supplements a deed previously recorded as well as deeds made by a grantor to correct a defect in the title, transfer-on-death deeds, a state or federal court order in an action to quiet title or to cure a defect in title, deeds which secure a debt or other obligation, deeds of dedication to the public, and deeds in favor of in favor of the United States or any of its political subdivisions or the tribes. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to provide additional exemptions and allow reasonable alterations to the affidavit forms.

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