1 A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead property; amending 2 3 s. 222.01, F.S.; providing that a statement 4 declaring property to be a homestead for purposes of exemption from forced sale shall be 5 6 recorded in person with the clerk of the 7 circuit court; specifying that a homestead exemption granted under s. 196.031, F.S., is 8 9 deemed a designation of homestead as provided in s. 222.01, F.S.; providing an effective 10 date. 11 12 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 15 Section 1. Section 222.01, Florida Statutes, is 16 amended to read: 17 222.01 Designation of homestead by owner before 18 levy.--Whenever any person residing in this state desires to 19 avail himself or herself of the benefit of the provisions of the constitution and laws exempting property as a homestead 20 from forced sale under any process of law, he or she may make 21 a statement, in writing, containing a description of the real 22 23 property, mobile home, or modular home claimed to be exempt 24 and declaring that the real property, mobile home, or modular home is the homestead of the party in whose behalf such claim 25 26 is being made. Such statement shall be signed in person and 27 recorded with the clerk of the circuit court by the person making it and shall be recorded in the circuit court. For 28 29 purposes of this section, a homestead exemption granted pursuant to s. 196.031 is deemed to be a designation of 30 homestead as provided in this section. 31 1

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