



## Why Texas Should Reform Title Insurance Regulation

- Title 11 of the Texas Insurance Codes states, “The purpose of this title is to completely regulate the business of title insurance on real property...”
- Texas has the most heavily regulated title insurance market in the country; this increases costs for both consumers and businesses.
- According to an LBJ School of Public Affairs study, Texas has the highest title insurance rates for a \$200,000 home among states that require comprehensive coverage.
- The U.S. General Accounting Office found that price competition in the title insurance market would benefit consumers, and recommended the “Secretary of HUD should take action to (1) protect consumers from illegal title insurance marketing practices and (2) improve consumers’ ability to comparison shop for title insurance.”
- A recent poll found 91 percent of Texans agree that they should be able to shop around for the best deals on title insurance, just as they can shop around for automobile and home insurance.
- Reforming title insurance regulation by moving to a file and use system in Texas would open up the title insurance business to competition, resulting in more choices and lower prices for consumers and businesses—and a stronger economy and more jobs.