

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Judiciary**

**SB 736 — Limitations Relating to Deeds and Wills**

by Senator Richter

The bill expands the scope of existing law (s. 95.231(1), F.S.), to cure defective documents purporting to transfer title to real property. Under existing law, a 5-year limitation period acts to cure defective deeds or wills that are missing required seals or signatures of witnesses. Under the bill, the 5-year limitation period will cure such defects in any instrument, including a power of attorney, used in connection with the transfer of title to real property. Additionally, the bill provides a savings clause to allow any person who is adversely affected by the bill's changes to bring a claim within the specified period of time to protect his or her interest.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0*