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Special Edition of the Advocacy REcap News
Texas REALTORS® Responds
to Proposed Rules on Foreign Ownership of Real Property

Dear Jon;

April 28, 2026

On March 27, the Texas Attorney General published proposed rules to implement legislation passed in 2025 known as [Senate Bill 17](#), which prohibited certain people and entities from buying, owning, or having other interest in real property in Texas.

[Access the Texas Register and proposed rules here.](#)

Starting in 2023, Texas REALTORS® worked alongside our partner organizations in real estate advocacy, discussing this concept with the Legislature to ensure real estate professionals and private property owners would not be held responsible for enforcing any prohibitions on who could buy land, and to ensure that our state and federal fair housing laws would be upheld. Much of SB 17's final content was the result of those years of collaboration and negotiation.

On Friday, April 24, 2026, Texas REALTORS® submitted comments in response to the proposed rules, cosigned by our real estate coalition partners. These comments reflect our concerns that the proposed rules run contrary to the legislative intent to keep real estate professionals out of the enforcement process, along with other concerns related to due process, fair housing, and more. REALTORS® will continue to defend our members and their clients from undue regulation and government liability.

[Read the Comment Letter here.](#)

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