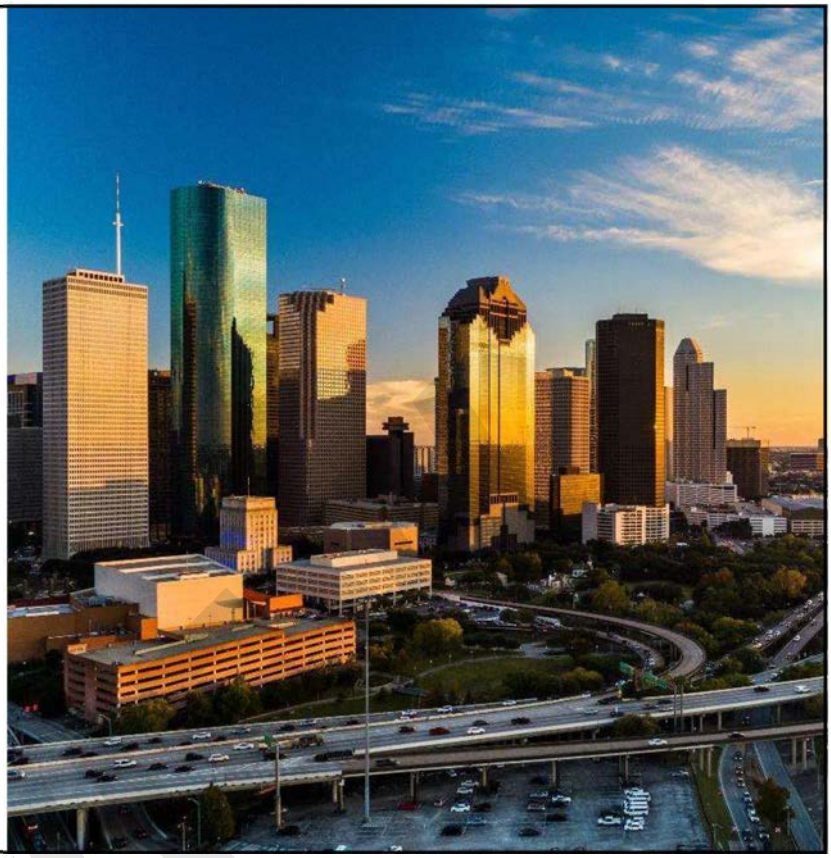
Regulatory Recap in Review: New Rules and Forms Effective November 1, 2024



STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY

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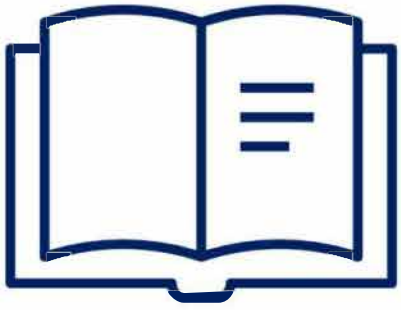
Texas Department of Insurance Commissioner's Order 2024

- The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) recently adopted changes to the *Basic Manual* that are **effective November 1, 2024.**

- The following are highlights of those changes.
- A handy chart summarizing all changes is part of your materials!



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TDI order revises P-57 related to T-26 “Additional Insured” Endorsement

- P-57 still sets forth the requirements for issuing the Additional Insured Endorsement (Form T-26) but adds **“Estate Planning Vehicles”** such as a trust as an additional insured.
- The Additional Insured Endorsement (Form T-26) can be added up to **90 days** after title was conveyed to the additional insured.
- The Additional Insured Endorsement (Form T-26) still does not extend the coverage beyond the original Policy Date.
- **Rate Rule R-33** still controls the premium to be charged and is left unchanged (10% of Basic Rate, not less than $25).

“Estate Planning Vehicles”

P-57 adds a new definition of an **“Estate Planning Vehicle”** which can be:

- A **legal entity:** LLC, corporation, partnership, etc. or
- A **trust or trustee of a trust**, if the entity or trust is established by the Insured for the purpose of planning the disposition of that person’s estate.

Estate Planning Vehicles

Who/what can be added as an "Additional Insured" by an Additional Insured Endorsement (Form T-26)?

- An **Estate Planning Vehicle** to which the Insured conveys the title after Policy Date; or
- A **distributee** who acquires an interest according to the terms of an Estate Planning Vehicle; or
- A **partnership, limited liability company, or corporation** solely composed of or owned by members of the Insured's family and the Insured; or
- Any ***existing*** **partner, member or stockholder** that acquires the interests of other owners of the Insured in accordance with the terms and provisions of a written agreement in effect at Date of Policy.

Limited Liability Companies and P-57

For **Limited Liability Companies**, the rule still provides:

- There will be a **transfer(s)** of all or any part of the **existing LLC members' interests** in the insured *to any transferee(s)*, or
- The **withdrawal(s)** of one or more of the **members from the LLC**, or
- The **addition(s)** of one or more persons or entities as **members** of the LLC.

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