

# State Required Registration of Cattle Brands

Pursuant to **Texas Agricultural Code Sec. 144.041** the registration of all marks, brands and tattoos will expire on September 1, 2031 and must be re-registered with the County Clerk. Owners will have six (6) months in which to re-register their brands or risk having it taken over by another.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will my registered Brand expire?**

*Pursuant to T.A.C. Sec 144.044 all marks, brands and tattoos expire on September 1, 2031 and every 10 years thereafter.*

### **How long do I have to re-register my Mark/ Brand/Tattoo?**

*Pursuant to T.A.C. Sec 144.044 you must re-register your mark/ brand/tattoo no later than six months after the registration expires on September 1, 2031.*

### **When does registration begin?**

*Registration begins September 1, 2031 and goes through March 1, 2032.*

### **I just registered a brand with the County Clerk's office.**

#### **How long will it be valid?**

*All Marks and Brands expire September 1, 2031 regardless of when you registered your brand.*

### **How can I figure the charge for my registration?**

*The definition of a brand as defined by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is "Mark plus Location". The registration fee is \$25 per animal per mark/brand/tattoo location. Each additional location on that same animal is an additional \$5 of same mark/brand/tattoo. Each additional animal is \$25 for one location.*

### **Why \$25?**

*The fee for Brand Registration is for registering a brand, including indexing, searching the records, and issuing the certificate per LGC 118.020. The break-down of the charge is: \$10 Archive fee, \$10 Records Preservation fee, and \$5 Brand fee.*

*Please call the Smith County Clerk's office for more information at 903-590-4670. Ask for Official Public Records.*