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H.B. No. 1313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the recording of the examination and testimony of a witness before a grand jury.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Article 20A.201, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 20A.201. RECORDING OF WITNESS [~~ACCUSED OR SUSPECTED PERSON'S~~] TESTIMONY; RETENTION OF RECORDS.

SECTION 2. Article 20A.201(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The examination and testimony of a witness [~~an accused or suspected person~~] before the grand jury [~~and that person's testimony~~] shall be recorded by a stenographer or by use of an electronic device capable of recording sound.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a grand jury proceeding that begins on or after the effective date of this Act. A grand jury proceeding that begins before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.