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H.B. No. 196

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of an electronic recording device to report
3 proceedings before a municipal court of record for the City of San
4 Antonio.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 30.00226, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Instead of using a court reporter to preserve a record
9 in a case, the governing body may authorize the use of a good
10 quality electronic recording device to report court proceedings. If
11 the governing body authorizes an electronic recording, the court
12 reporter is not required to be present to certify the reporter's
13 record. The recording shall be kept for the 20-day period beginning
14 the day after the last day of the court proceeding, trial, or denial
15 of motion for new trial, whichever occurs last. If a case is
16 appealed, the proceedings shall be transcribed from the recording
17 by an official court reporter.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.