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H.B. No. 1213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the recording of jury deliberations in civil and  
3 criminal proceedings.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 36, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended by adding Article 36.215 to read as follows:

7 Art. 36.215. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS. A judge may  
8 allow a person to use any device to produce or make an audio,  
9 visual, or audio-visual broadcast, recording, or photograph of a  
10 jury while the jury is deliberating.

11 SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 2, Civil Practice and Remedies  
12 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 24 to read as follows:

13 CHAPTER 24. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS

14 Sec. 24.001. RECORDING PERMITTED. A judge may allow a  
15 person to use any device to produce or make an audio, visual, or  
16 audio-visual broadcast, recording, or photograph of a jury while  
17 the jury is deliberating.

18 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

19 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a  
20 trial commenced on or after September 1, 2003. A trial commenced  
21 before September 1, 2003, is covered by the law in effect when the  
22 trial commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
23 purpose.