

AN ACT

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

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

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

Art. 36.215. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS. A person may not use any device to produce or make an audio, visual, or audio-visual broadcast, recording, or photograph of a jury while the jury is deliberating.

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

CHAPTER 24. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS

Sec. 24.001. RECORDING PROHIBITED. A person may not use any device to produce or make an audio, visual, or audio-visual broadcast, recording, or photograph of a jury while the jury is deliberating.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 164 passed the Senate on February 27, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 164 passed the House on May 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor