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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.