

1-1 By: Lindsay, West S.B. No. 164
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 6, 2003; January 30, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 February 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas
1-5 5, Nays 0; February 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the recording of jury deliberations in civil and
1-9 criminal proceedings.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 36, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-12 amended by adding Article 36.215 to read as follows:

1-13 Art. 36.215. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS. A person may
1-14 not use any device to produce or make an audio, visual, or
1-15 audio-visual broadcast, recording, or photograph of a jury while
1-16 the jury is deliberating.

1-17 SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 2, Civil Practice and Remedies
1-18 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 24 to read as follows:

1-19 CHAPTER 24. RECORDING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS

1-20 Sec. 24.001. RECORDING PROHIBITED. A person may not use any
1-21 device to produce or make an audio, visual, or audio-visual
1-22 broadcast, recording, or photograph of a jury while the jury is
1-23 deliberating.

1-24 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-25 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a
1-26 trial commenced on or after September 1, 2003. A trial commenced
1-27 before September 1, 2003, is covered by the law in effect when the
1-28 trial commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-29 purpose.

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