

AN ACT

relating to the recording and availability of certain court documents.

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

SECTION 1. Article 20.02, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A subpoena or summons relating to a grand jury proceeding or investigation must be kept secret to the extent and for as long as necessary to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of a matter before the grand jury. This subsection may not be construed to limit a disclosure permitted by Subsection (c), (d), or (e).

SECTION 2. Article 20.22, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 20.22. PRESENTMENT ENTERED OF RECORD. The fact of a presentment of indictment by a grand jury shall be entered upon the record [~~minutes~~] of the court, if the defendant is in custody or under bond, noting briefly the style of the criminal action and the file number of the indictment and the defendant's name. If the defendant is not in custody or under bond at the time of the presentment of indictment, the entry in the record [~~minutes~~] of the court relating to said indictment shall be delayed until such time as the capias is served and the defendant is placed in custody or under bond.

SECTION 3. Article 33.07, Code of Criminal Procedure, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 Art. 33.07. RECORD OF CRIMINAL ACTIONS [~~DOCKET~~]. Each
3 clerk of a court of record having criminal jurisdiction shall keep a
4 record [~~docket~~] in which shall be set down the style and file number
5 of each criminal action, the nature of the offense, the names of
6 counsel, the proceedings had therein, and the date of each
7 proceeding.

8 SECTION 4. Section 12.014(c), Property Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (c) If a transfer of a judgment is filed, the clerk shall
11 record the transfer appropriately [~~note the transfer on the margin~~
12 ~~of the minute book at the place where the judgment is recorded~~]. If
13 a transfer of a cause of action in which a judgment has not been
14 rendered is filed, the clerk shall note and briefly state the
15 substance of the transfer on the court docket at the place where the
16 suit is entered.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 587 was passed by the House on March 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 587 on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 587 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor