

Amend CSSB 1717 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 3 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 3.____. (a) Section 25.0453, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The judge of a statutory probate court may, unless a party objects, provide that a proceeding be recorded by a good quality electronic recording device instead of by a court reporter. A stenographic record of an electronically recorded proceeding is not required except on order of the judge or request of a party. If a recording device is used, the court reporter is not required to be present to certify the record. The judge may designate one or more persons to act as the court recorder and shall assign to a court recorder the duties and responsibilities necessary to act in that capacity.

(b) Section 25.0453(g), Government Code, as added by this article, applies only to a proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A proceeding commenced before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.