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H.B. No. 3313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the electronic recording of proceedings in a statutory  
3 probate court in Collin County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.0453, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

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

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
17 to a proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this  
18 Act. A proceeding commenced before the effective date of this Act is  
19 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
20 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.