By: Fletcher H.B. No. 1322

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the sealing of applications and orders for the
- 3 installation and use of mobile tracking devices in certain law
- 4 enforcement investigations.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 14, Article 18.21, Code of Criminal
- 7 Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 <u>(e-1)</u> The district judge shall seal any documents submitted
- 10 to the court under this section, and any order or extension of an
- 11 order issued under this section, until the period authorized by the
- 12 order and extension expires.
- SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 14 to an application for a mobile tracking device that is submitted on
- 15 or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a mobile
- 16 tracking device that is submitted before the effective date of this
- 17 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
- 18 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
- 19 purpose.
- 20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.