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S.B. No. 677

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, unless a  
8 party objects, provide that a proceeding be recorded by a good  
9 quality electronic recording device instead of by a court reporter.  
10 A stenographic record of an electronically recorded proceeding is  
11 not required except on order of the judge. If a recording device is  
12 used, the court reporter is not required to be present to certify  
13 the record. The judge may designate one or more persons to act as  
14 the court recorder and shall assign to a court recorder the duties  
15 and responsibilities 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  
19 is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective  
20 date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.