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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 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, 2013.