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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to electronically filing any court document in a criminal
- 3 case in Cameron County.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 24.205, Government Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 7 (e) A party in a criminal case before the court may
- 8 electronically file any required court document if the
- 9 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 10 filing by that method.
- 11 SECTION 2. Section 24.209, Government Code, is amended by
- 12 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 13 <u>(d) A party in a criminal case before the court may</u>
- 14 electronically file any required court document if the
- 15 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 16 filing by that method.
- 17 SECTION 3. Section 24.240, Government Code, is amended by
- 18 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 19 <u>(e) A party in a criminal case before the court may</u>
- 20 electronically file any required court document if the
- 21 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 22 filing by that method.
- SECTION 4. Section 24.376, Government Code, is amended by
- 24 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

- 1 (c) A party in a criminal case before the court in Cameron
- 2 County may electronically file any required court document if the
- 3 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 4 filing by that method.
- 5 SECTION 5. Section 24.503, Government Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 24.503. 357TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY). (a)
- 8 The 357th Judicial District is composed of Cameron County.
- 9 (b) A party in a criminal case before the court may
- 10 electronically file any required court document if the
- 11 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 12 filing by that method.
- 13 SECTION 6. Section 24.549, Government Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 24.549. 404TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY). (a)
- 16 The 404th Judicial District is composed of Cameron County.
- 17 (b) A party in a criminal case before the court may
- 18 electronically file any required court document if the
- 19 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 20 filing by that method.
- 21 SECTION 7. Section 24.589, Government Code, is amended by
- 22 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 23 <u>(c) A party in a criminal case before the court may</u>
- 24 <u>electronically file</u> any required court document if the
- 25 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 26 filing by that method.
- 27 SECTION 8. Section 24.640, Government Code, is amended to

- 1 read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 24.640. 444TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY). (a)
- 3 The 444th Judicial District is composed of Cameron County.
- 4 (b) A party in a criminal case before the court may
- 5 electronically file any required court document if the
- 6 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 7 filing by that method.
- 8 SECTION 9. Section 25.0332, Government Code, is amended by
- 9 adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 10 (b) A party in a criminal case before the court may
- 11 electronically file any required court document if the
- 12 commissioners court of the county adopts an order authorizing
- 13 <u>filing by that method</u>.
- 14 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.