

AN ACT

relating to the execution of a search warrant for taking a DNA specimen.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 18, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 18.065 to read as follows:

Art. 18.065. EXECUTION OF WARRANT ISSUED BY DISTRICT JUDGE FOR DNA SPECIMEN. (a) A warrant issued by the judge of a district court under Article 18.02(10) to collect a DNA specimen from a person for the purpose of connecting that person to an offense may be executed in any county in this state.

(b) This article does not apply to a warrant issued by a justice of the peace, judge, or other magistrate other than a judge of a district court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a search warrant issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A search warrant issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the warrant was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2185 was passed by the House on May 12, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2185 on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2185 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor