

1-1 By: Riddle (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2300
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
1-3 May 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Burton	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hinojosa	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Perry	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to eliminating telegraph transmission as a method to
1-18 communicate certain information in a criminal case.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 15.08, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 Art. 15.08. WARRANT MAY BE FORWARDED. A warrant of arrest
1-23 may be forwarded by any method that ensures the transmission of a
1-24 duplicate of the original warrant, including secure facsimile
1-25 transmission or other secure electronic means [~~or a telegraph~~
1-26 ~~transmission from any telegraph office to another in this State~~].
1-27 If issued by any magistrate named in Article 15.06, the peace
1-28 officer receiving the same shall execute it without delay. If it be
1-29 issued by any other magistrate than is named in Article 15.06, the
1-30 peace officer receiving the same shall proceed with it to the
1-31 nearest magistrate of the peace officer's county, who shall endorse
1-32 thereon, in substance, these words:

1-33 "Let this warrant be executed in the county of
1-34", which endorsement shall be dated and
1-35 signed officially by the magistrate making the same.

1-36 SECTION 2. Article 15.19(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-37 amended to read as follows:

1-38 (a) If the arrested person fails or refuses to give bail, as
1-39 provided in Article 15.18, the arrested person shall be committed
1-40 to the jail of the county where the person was arrested. The [~~and~~
1-41 ~~the~~] magistrate committing the arrested person shall immediately
1-42 provide notice to the sheriff of the county in which the offense is
1-43 alleged to have been committed regarding:

1-44 (1) the arrest and commitment, which notice may be
1-45 given by [~~telegraph,~~] mail[~~,~~] or other written means or by secure
1-46 facsimile transmission or other secure electronic means; and

1-47 (2) whether the person was also arrested under a
1-48 warrant issued under Section 508.251, Government Code.

1-49 SECTION 3. Articles 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, and 15.13, Code of
1-50 Criminal Procedure, are repealed.

1-51 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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