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H.B. No. 669

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the inclusion of a magistrate's name on certain signed
3 orders.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 2.101 to read as follows:

7 Art. 2.101. MAGISTRATE'S NAME ON SIGNED ORDER. Any signed
8 order that is issued by a magistrate under this code or any signed
9 order pertaining to a criminal matter that is issued by a magistrate
10 under the Family Code, Government Code, or other law of this state
11 must include, with the magistrate's signature, the magistrate's
12 name in legible handwriting, legible typewritten form, or legible
13 stamp print.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act in adding
15 Article 2.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies to a signed
16 order issued by a magistrate on or after the effective date of this
17 Act. A signed order issued by a magistrate before the effective
18 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
19 order was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that
20 purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.