

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of certain search warrants.

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

SECTION 1. Article 18.01(i), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(i) In a county that does not have a municipal court of record with a courtroom located in that county and a judge ~~[of a municipal court of record]~~ who is an attorney licensed by the state, a county court judge who is an attorney licensed by the state, or a statutory county court judge, any magistrate may issue a search warrant under ~~[Subdivision (10) or Subdivision (12) of]~~ Article 18.02(a)(10) or (12) ~~[18.02 of this code]~~. This subsection is not applicable to a subsequent search warrant under ~~[Subdivision (10) of]~~ Article 18.02(a)(10) ~~[18.02 of this code]~~.

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, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1727 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1727 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor