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H.B. No. 2181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to recording of oral depositions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 20.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 20.003. NON-STENOGRAPHIC RECORDING. Notwithstanding Section 20.001, any party may record an oral deposition by a method, including videotape recording, other than stenographic recording in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 2. Section 154.101(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Except as provided by Section 154.112 and by Chapter 20 [~~Section 20.001~~], Civil Practice and Remedies Code, all depositions conducted in this state must be recorded by a certified shorthand reporter.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.