(In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2019; February 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services; March 21, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 21, 2019, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-6 1-7 Yea Absent Nav PNV 1-8 Kolkhorst Х Perry Х 1-9 1-10 1-11 Buckingham Х Campbell Χ 1-12 Flores Х 1-13 Х Johnson Χ 1-14 Miles 1**-**15 1**-**16 Powell Seliger Х 1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT 1-19 relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness. 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-21 1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 571.013, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-24 Sec. 571.013. METHOD OF GIVING NOTICE. Except as otherwise 1-25 provided by this subtitle, notice required under this subtitle may provide. be given by: (<u>1)</u> 1-26 (1) personal delivery of [delivering] a copy of the notice or document by a constable or sheriff of the county; [in 1-27 1-28 1-29 person] or 1-30 [in] another manner directed by the court that is (2)1-31 reasonably calculated to give actual notice. 1-32 SECTION 2. Section 571.014(c), Health and Safety Code, is 1-33 amended to read as follows: A person may [initially] file a paper with the county 1-34 (c) clerk by the use of reproduced, photocopied, or electronically transmitted paper copies of [if the person files] the original signed copies of the paper. A person who files a reproduced, photocopied, or electronically transmitted paper must maintain 1-35 1-36 1-37 1-38 possession of the original signed copies of the paper and shall make 1-39 the original paper available for inspection on request by the 1-40 parties or the court [with the clerk not later than the 72nd hour after the hour on which the initial filing is made. If the 72-hour 1-41 1-42 1-43 period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the filing is extended until 4 p.m. on the first succeeding 1-44 period business day. If extremely hazardous weather conditions exist or a disaster 1-45 occurs, the presiding judge or magistrate may by written each day extend the filing period until 4 p.m. on order made 1-46 the first 1-47 succeeding business day. The written order must declare that an 1-48 emergency exists because of the weather or the occurrence 1-49 a 1-50 If a person detained under this subtitle would othe disaster. be released because the original signed copy of a paper is not filed within the 72-hour period but for the extension of the filing period 1-51 1-52 1-53 under this section, the person may be detained until the expiration 1-54 of the extended filing period. This subsection does not affect 1-55 this subtitle requiring the release another provision of 1-56 discharge of a person]. 1-57 SECTION 3. Section 571.014(d), Health and Safety Code, is 1-58 repealed. 1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019. \* \* \* \* \* 1-60 1

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