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S.B. No. 848

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to persons allowed to record meetings of house and senate committees.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 306.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 306.008. RECORDING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, any person in attendance at an open meeting of a house or senate committee, including a public hearing, may make an audio or visual recording of the meeting.

(b) A person may record a committee meeting held on the floor of the house or senate chamber from a location accessible to the person.

(c) A person may not record a committee meeting in a manner that disrupts the meeting or unreasonably obstructs the view of other persons attending the meeting. The presiding officer of a meeting may enforce this subsection but may not prohibit a person from recording an open meeting in a nondisruptive manner.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.