By:  Anchia (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 1127

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021; May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Whitmire        X

Huffman         X

Bettencourt               X

Birdwell                  X

Hinojosa        X

Miles           X

Nichols         X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application for a writ of habeas corpus in a community supervision case.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 5(a), Article 11.072, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Immediately on filing an application, the applicant shall serve a copy of the application on the attorney representing the state[~~,~~] by:

(1)  [~~either~~] certified mail, return receipt requested;

(2)  [~~, or~~] personal service; or

(3)  secure electronic mail or another form of secure electronic transmission.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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