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H.B. No. 345

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties and powers of peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.13(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The officer ~~[shall]~~:

(1) may, if authorized, ~~[in every case authorized by the provisions of this Code,~~] interfere without warrant to prevent or suppress crime;

(2) shall execute all lawful process issued to the officer by any magistrate or court;

(3) shall give notice to some magistrate of all offenses committed within the officer's jurisdiction, if ~~[where]~~ the officer has probable cause ~~[good reason]~~ to believe there has been a violation of the penal law; and

(4) may, if authorized, arrest offenders without warrant so ~~[in every case where the officer is authorized by law, in order]~~ that they may be taken before the proper magistrate or court and be tried.

SECTION 2. Articles 2.14 and 2.15, Code of Criminal Procedure, are repealed.

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