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H.B. No. 1685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of an electronic recording device to report
3 proceedings before a municipal court of record for the City of San
4 Antonio.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 30.00226, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Instead of using a court reporter to preserve a record
9 in a case, the clerk of the municipal courts of record may authorize
10 the use of a good quality electronic recording device to report
11 court proceedings. If the clerk authorizes an electronic recording,
12 the court reporter is not required to be present to certify the
13 reporter's record. The recording shall be kept for the 20-day
14 period beginning the day after the last day of the court proceeding,
15 trial, or denial of motion for new trial, whichever occurs last. If
16 a case is appealed, the proceedings shall be transcribed from the
17 recording by an official court reporter.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.