

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 4714
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 4714 amends current law relating to the use of an electronic recording device to report proceedings before a municipal court of record for the City of San Antonio.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 30.00226, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Authorizes the governing body of a municipality, instead of using a court reporter to preserve a record in a case, to authorize the use of a good quality electronic recording device to report court proceedings. Provides that if the governing body authorizes an electronic recording, the court reporter is not required to be present to certify the reporter's record. Requires that the recording be kept for the 20-day period beginning the day after the last day of the court proceeding, trial, or denial of motion for new trial, whichever occurs last. Requires that the proceedings, if a case is appealed, be transcribed from the recording by an official court reporter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.