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H.B. No. 1712

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of a magistrate's name on certain signed orders.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.101 to read as follows:

Art. 2.101. MAGISTRATE'S NAME ON SIGNED ORDER. Any signed order that is issued by a magistrate under this code or any signed order pertaining to a criminal matter that is issued by a magistrate under the Family Code, the Government Code, or other law of this state must include, with the magistrate's signature, the magistrate's name in legible handwriting, legible typewritten form, or legible stamp print.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act in adding Article 2.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies to a signed order issued by a magistrate on or after the effective date of this Act. A signed order issued by a magistrate before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.