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S.B. No. 1538

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on digital court reporting conducted by the
3 Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

12 (2) "Office" means the Office of Court Administration
13 of the Texas Judicial System.

14 SECTION 2. DIGITAL COURT REPORTING STUDY. The office shall
15 conduct a study on digital court reporting, including:

16 (1) an evaluation of the current use of digital court
17 reporting in the courts of this state, including the cost, access,
18 accuracy, and effectiveness of digital court reporting;

19 (2) an analysis of the use of digital court reporting
20 in other states and jurisdictions; and

21 (3) recommendations on any necessary changes to
22 statutes, rules, regulations, or standards regarding the use of
23 digital court reporting in this state.

24 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2026, the

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1 office shall submit a report on the study conducted under this Act
2 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
3 representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the
4 legislature.

5 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

6 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
7 1, 2025.