

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 669
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerned observers note the difficulty in determining the originating courts of certain court orders.

H.B. 669 requires that any signed order that is issued by a magistrate under this code or any signed order pertaining to a criminal matter under the Family Code, Government Code, or other law of this state must include the magistrate's name in legible handwriting, legible typewritten form, or legible stamp print.

H.B. 669 amends current law relating to the inclusion of a magistrate's name on certain signed orders.

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 Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 2.101, as follows:

Art. 2.101. MAGISTRATE'S NAME ON SIGNED ORDER. Requires that 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, Government Code, or other law of this state include, with the magistrate's signature, the magistrate's name in legible handwriting, legibly typewritten form, or legible stamp print.

SECTION 2. Makes application of Article 2.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.