

1-1 By: Cortez (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 1685
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;
1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the use of an electronic recording device to report
1-16 proceedings before a municipal court of record for the City of San
1-17 Antonio.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 30.00226, Government Code, is amended by
1-20 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-21 (c) Instead of using a court reporter to preserve a record
1-22 in a case, the governing body may authorize the use of a good
1-23 quality electronic recording device to report court proceedings. If
1-24 the governing body authorizes an electronic recording, the court
1-25 reporter is not required to be present to certify the reporter's
1-26 record. The recording shall be kept for the 20-day period beginning
1-27 the day after the last day of the court proceeding, trial, or denial
1-28 of motion for new trial, whichever occurs last. If a case is
1-29 appealed, the proceedings shall be transcribed from the recording
1-30 by an official court reporter.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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