

1-1 By: Smithee, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 75
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles		X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the duty of a magistrate to make written findings in
1-18 certain criminal proceedings.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 15.17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-22 (h) Not later than 24 hours after the time a magistrate
1-23 determines that no probable cause exists to believe that a person
1-24 committed the offense for which the person was arrested, the
1-25 magistrate shall enter in the record written findings to support
1-26 that finding.

1-27 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-28 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-29 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-30 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-31 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-32 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-33 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-34 before that date.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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