

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 53
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; March 24, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 24, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	X			
1-9	Perry	X			
1-10	Blanco			X	
1-11	Cook	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hancock	X			
1-14	Hughes			X	
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Sparks	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain notice and filing requirements in court
1-20 proceedings involving persons with mental illness.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 571.013, Health and Safety Code, is
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 571.013. METHOD OF GIVING NOTICE. Except as otherwise
1-25 provided by this subtitle, notice required under this subtitle may
1-26 be given:

1-27 (1) by personal delivery of [delivering] a copy of the
1-28 notice or document by a constable or sheriff of the county; [in
1-29 person] or

1-30 (2) in another manner directed by the court that is
1-31 reasonably calculated to give actual notice.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 571.014(c), Health and Safety Code, is
1-33 amended to read as follows:

1-34 (c) A person may ~~[initially]~~ file a paper with the county
1-35 clerk by the use of reproduced, photocopied, or electronically
1-36 transmitted paper copies of ~~[if the person files]~~ the original
1-37 signed copies of the paper. A person who files a reproduced,
1-38 photocopied, or electronically transmitted paper must maintain
1-39 possession of the original signed copies of the paper and on request
1-40 shall make the original paper available for inspection by the
1-41 parties or the court [with the clerk not later than the 72nd hour
1-42 after the hour on which the initial filing is made. If the 72-hour
1-43 period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the filing
1-44 period is extended until 4 p.m. on the first succeeding business
1-45 day. If extremely hazardous weather conditions exist or a disaster
1-46 occurs, the presiding judge or magistrate may by written order made
1-47 each day extend the filing period until 4 p.m. on the first
1-48 succeeding business day. The written order must declare that an
1-49 emergency exists because of the weather or the occurrence of a
1-50 disaster. If a person detained under this subtitle would otherwise
1-51 be released because the original signed copy of a paper is not filed
1-52 within the 72-hour period but for the extension of the filing period
1-53 under this section, the person may be detained until the expiration
1-54 of the extended filing period. This subsection does not affect
1-55 another provision of this subtitle requiring the release or
1-56 discharge of a person].

1-57 SECTION 3. Section 571.014(d), Health and Safety Code, is
1-58 repealed.

1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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