

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 227

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COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides relative to sealing and delivering depositions

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specifies that the electronic sealing of the deposition is with the consent of all parties, and not at the request of the parties.
2. Adds technical legislative bureau amendments.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides the procedures for taking, certifying, and sealing the deposition of a witness in civil matters.

Present law requires the court reporter to securely seal the deposition in an envelope endorsed with the title of the action and promptly send it by U.S. mail or by courier to the party at whose request the deposition was taken, who shall become the custodian of the deposition.

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that the deposition shall be simultaneously sent to the party requesting that the deposition be taken and to all other parties to the action who order a copy of the deposition.

Proposed law adds an alternate procedure, with the consent of all parties, for sealing the deposition electronically by secure electronic means and simultaneously delivering the deposition electronically to all parties to the action who have ordered a copy of the deposition, with the party at whose request the deposition was taken becoming the custodian of the deposition.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1446(A)(1))