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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 227 2017 Regular Session

# **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

# Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Add technical Legislative Bureau amendments.

### Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Specified that the electronic sealing of the deposition was with the consent of all parties, and not at the request of the parties.

# Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds an alternate procedure 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))