

HB 485

2016

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to search warrants; amending s.  
3 933.01, F.S.; specifying that a search warrant may be  
4 issued by a judge with territorial jurisdiction where  
5 the place, vehicle, or thing to be searched may be;  
6 authorizing search warrants for a person's DNA or DNA  
7 samples; providing for issuance of such warrants by  
8 certain judges; amending s. 933.02, F.S.; authorizing  
9 the issuance of search warrants for DNA collection and  
10 analysis and for blood analysis in connection with  
11 investigation or prosecution of specified offenses;  
12 amending s. 933.05, F.S.; providing an exemption from  
13 the time limits for execution and return of search  
14 warrants for warrants authorizing the collection and  
15 analysis of DNA or DNA samples; providing an effective  
16 date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Section 933.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
21 read:

22 933.01 Persons competent to issue search warrant.—

23 (1) A search warrant authorized by law may be issued by  
24 any judge, ~~including the committing judge of the trial court~~  
25 having territorial jurisdiction where the place, vehicle, or  
26 thing to be searched may be.

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27 (2)(a) In addition to any other warrant authorized by law,  
 28 a search warrant may be issued to obtain and analyze a person's  
 29 DNA or DNA sample. For purposes of this subsection, the terms  
 30 "DNA" and "DNA sample" have the same meanings as provided in s.  
 31 943.325.

32 (b) Subsection (1) notwithstanding, a search warrant under  
 33 this subsection may also be issued by any judge having  
 34 territorial jurisdiction where any element of the offense to  
 35 which it relates occurred.

36 Section 2. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section  
 37 933.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

38 933.02 Grounds for issuance of search warrant.—Upon proper  
 39 affidavits being made, a search warrant may be issued under the  
 40 provisions of this chapter upon any of the following grounds:

41 (6) When the warrant authorizes collection and analysis of  
 42 a person's DNA, either for purposes of identifying the person or  
 43 in furtherance of a criminal prosecution.

44 (7) When the warrant authorizes the collection and  
 45 analysis of a person's blood in furtherance of any investigation  
 46 or prosecution under s. 316.193 or s. 327.35.

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 48 This section also applies to any papers or documents used as a  
 49 means of or in aid of the commission of any offense against the  
 50 laws of the state.

51 Section 3. Section 933.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 52 read:

53           933.05 Issuance in blank and time limits governing  
54 execution prohibited.—

55           (1) A search warrant may not ~~cannot~~ be issued except upon  
56 probable cause supported by affidavit or affidavits, naming or  
57 describing the person, place, or thing to be searched and  
58 particularly describing the property or thing to be seized. A  
59 ~~ne~~ search warrant may not ~~shall~~ be issued in blank. A search,  
60 ~~and any such~~ warrant shall be executed and returned within 10  
61 days after issuance thereof.

62           (2) Subsection (1) notwithstanding, the Legislature finds  
63 that DNA evidence collected from a living person does not become  
64 stale. Therefore, a search warrant that authorizes the  
65 collection and analysis of DNA or DNA sample from a living  
66 person may be executed at any time while the person is alive. At  
67 any time before execution, the warrant may be returned  
68 unexecuted if the judge who issued the warrant, or the law  
69 enforcement agency that applied for the warrant, determines that  
70 the DNA evidence will not be needed. For purposes of this  
71 subsection, the terms "DNA" and "DNA sample" have the same  
72 meanings as provided in s. 943.325.

73           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.