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Overview

Under prior law, a peace officer who seeks a warrant to search a location outside of the officer's primary jurisdiction must enlist the aid of an officer from that jurisdiction to apply for the warrant.

- 1 Issuance of warrant.** Eliminates the restriction that a search warrant can only be issued to an officer with jurisdiction in the area where the search will be conducted. As modified, any officer can apply for a search warrant in any jurisdiction. Clarifies that any other laws limiting search warrant authority remain in effect.
- 2 Service; persons making.** Clarifies that an officer acting outside the officer's jurisdiction must notify the local law enforcement agency prior to conducting a search under a warrant.
- 3 Effective date.** August 1, 2003.