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H.B. No. 2594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the venue for the prosecution of certain criminal
conduct involving theft.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 13A.251, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) An offense involving intangible personal property
that is stolen may be prosecuted in the county in which the person
whose property was unlawfully appropriated resides.

SECTION 2. Article 13A.501, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended to read as follows:

Art. 13A.501. ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
Engaging in organized criminal activity may be prosecuted in:

(1) any county in which an act is committed to effect
an objective of the combination;

(2) if the prosecution is based on an offense
involving theft of intangible personal property, the county in
which the person whose property was unlawfully appropriated
resides;

(3) if the prosecution is based on an offense
classified as a felony under Chapter 32, Penal Code, in any county
in which a victim resides; or

(4) [~~2~~] if the prosecution is based on an offense
classified as a felony under the Tax Code, any county in which venue

1 is proper under the Tax Code for the offense.

2 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a criminal case in which
3 the indictment, information, or complaint is presented to the court
4 on or after the effective date of this Act. A criminal case in which
5 the indictment, information, or complaint was presented to the
6 court before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
7 in effect on the date the indictment, information, or complaint was
8 presented, and the former law is continued in effect for that
9 purpose.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.