

AN ACT

relating to certain procedures in connection with a bond forfeiture.

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

SECTION 1. Article 17.19, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Subsection (a-1), a ~~[Any]~~ surety that wants ~~[desiring]~~ to surrender the surety's ~~[his]~~ principal and has notified ~~[after notifying]~~ the principal's attorney, if the principal is represented by an attorney, in a manner provided by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, of the surety's intention to surrender the principal, may file an affidavit of that ~~[such]~~ intention before the court or magistrate before which the prosecution is pending. The affidavit must state:

- (1) the court and cause number of the case;
- (2) the name of the defendant;
- (3) the offense with which the defendant is charged;
- (4) the date of the bond;
- (5) the cause for the surrender; and
- (6) that notice of the surety's intention to surrender the principal has been given as required by this subsection and Subsection (a-1), if applicable.

(a-1) If the offense with which the defendant is charged is

1 classified as a felony under the Penal Code, in addition to  
2 satisfying the requirements provided by Subsection (a), a surety  
3 must, before filing the affidavit described by that subsection,  
4 notify the attorney representing the state with jurisdiction in the  
5 case of the surety's intention to surrender the principal.

6       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2697 was passed by the House on May 8, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2697 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor