

1-1 By: Lopez of Bexar, et al. H.B. No. 5238
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-5 Justice; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the criminal offense of disrupting a meeting or
 1-19 procession.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 42.05(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
 1-22 as follows:

1-23 (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to prevent
 1-24 or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, whether in
 1-25 person or virtual, the person [~~he~~] obstructs or interferes with the
 1-26 meeting, procession, or gathering by:

- 1-27 (1) physical action;
- 1-28 (2) [~~or~~] verbal utterance; or
- 1-29 (3) electronic disturbance, including hacking, of any
 1-30 virtual component of the meeting, procession, or gathering.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-32 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-33 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-34 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-35 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-36 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-37 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-38 before that date.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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