

AN ACT

relating to the subject matter jurisdiction of the criminal trial courts of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 23.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 23.002. SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF CRIMINAL TRIAL COURTS NOT CONDITIONED ON EXHAUSTION OF CIVIL REMEDIES. Unless expressly provided otherwise, the exhaustion of civil, including administrative, remedies is not a prerequisite to the vesting in a trial court of subject matter jurisdiction over a criminal action for which the trial court would otherwise have jurisdiction under other law.

SECTION 2. This Act applies to a criminal action commenced before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1220 passed the Senate on April 10, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1220 passed the House on May 21, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 10, five present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor