

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1896
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Law Enforcement
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, if a person who commits a felony confesses the crime to a peace officer, the officer cannot arrest the person. As proposed, Senate Bill 1896 allows a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest when a person confesses to committing a felony if the confession would be admissible as evidence and establishes probable cause.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 1896 amends Article 14.03 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by providing that a person who makes a statement to a peace officer that would be admissible against the person under Article 38.21 and establishes probable cause to believe that the person has committed a felony may be arrested by the peace officer without a warrant.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.