

AN ACT

relating to venue in the prosecution of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 13.28 to read as follows:

Art. 13.28. FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. An offense under Section 32.51, Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in which the offense was committed or in the county of residence for the person whose identifying information was fraudulently obtained, possessed, transferred, or used.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies only to the prosecution of an offense commenced by the filing of an indictment or information on or after that date. A prosecution commenced before September 1, 2003, is controlled by the law in effect at the time the prosecution was commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 254 was passed by the House on April 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 254 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor