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H.B. No. 1431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for
3 release on appeal bond.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 44.04(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The defendant may not be released on bail pending the
8 appeal from any felony conviction where the punishment [~~equals or~~]
9 exceeds 10 years confinement or where the defendant has been
10 convicted of an offense listed under Section 3g(a)(1), Article
11 42.12, but shall immediately be placed in custody and the bail
12 discharged.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.