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H.B. No. 1781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the venue in the prosecution of the offense of misapplication of trust funds.

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. MISAPPLICATION OF TRUST FUNDS. An offense under Section 162.031, Property Code, may be prosecuted in the county in which the:

(1) trust funds were diverted or received; or

(2) improvement to specific real property was to be performed.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this subsection, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.