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H.B. No. 156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the separation of certain facilities for juries
3 deliberating in criminal trials.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 36.21, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 36.21. TO PROVIDE JURY ROOM. The sheriff shall provide
8 a suitable room for the deliberation of the jury and supply them
9 with such necessary food and lodging as he can obtain. No
10 intoxicating liquor shall be furnished them. [~~In all cases wherein
11 a jury consists partly of male jurors and partly of female jurors,
12 the sheriff shall provide facilities for the female jurors separate
13 and apart from the facilities provided for the male jurors.~~]

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
19 legislative session.