

Amend CSHB 2120 (committee printing, on page 3, line 11) by inserting the following SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 6. Article 27.18, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), (e-1), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) A defendant who is confined in a county other than the county in which charges against the defendant are pending may use the teleconferencing method provided by this article to enter a plea or waive a right in the court with jurisdiction over the case.

(e) A defendant who enters a plea or waiver under Subsection (d):

(1) consents to venue in the county in which the court receiving the plea or waiver is located; and

(2) waives any claim of error related to venue.

(e-1) Subsection (e) does not prohibit a court from granting a defendant's motion for change of venue during the trial of the defendant.

(f) If a defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere under Subsection (d), the attorney representing the state may request at the time the plea is entered that the defendant submit a fingerprint of the defendant suitable for attachment to the judgment. On request for a fingerprint under this subsection, the county in which the defendant is confined shall obtain a fingerprint of the defendant and use first-class mail or other means acceptable to the attorney representing the state and the county to forward the fingerprint to the court accepting the plea.