

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 157
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently if a person is convicted of an offense under Chapter 49 of the Penal Code they are required to serve ~~three~~ three days of confinement in county jail. Apparently, three days can start at the end of the day on Friday and end at the beginning of the day on Sunday. Therefore, the time of confinement is really only one full day. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that offenders actually spend 72 continuous hours behind bars.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.