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H.B. No. 63

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for evasion of process.

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

SECTION 1. Article 20.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 20.14. EVASION OF PROCESS. If it be made to appear satisfactorily to the court that a witness for whom an attachment has been issued to go before the grand jury is in any manner wilfully evading the service of such summons or attachment, the court may fine such witness, as for contempt, an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars for each day that the witness evades service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an evasion of service of a summons or attachment issued by a court on or after September 1, 2005. An evasion of service of a summons or attachment issued by a court before September 1, 2005, is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.