

AN ACT

relating to requiring notice before the amount of bail set in certain cases is reduced.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 17.091 to read as follows:

Art. 17.091. NOTICE OF CERTAIN BAIL REDUCTIONS REQUIRED.

Before a judge or magistrate reduces the amount of bail set for a defendant charged with an offense listed in Section 3g, Article 42.12, or an offense described by Article 62.01(5), the judge or magistrate shall provide:

(1) to the attorney representing the state, reasonable notice of the proposed bail reduction; and

(2) on request of the attorney representing the state or the defendant or the defendant's counsel, an opportunity for a hearing concerning the proposed bail reduction.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 56 passed the Senate on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 56 passed the House on May 18, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor