

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 343  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

As proposed, S.B. 343 revises the oath taken by witnesses appearing before a grand jury by removing the more arcane language used in the oath and replacing it with more easily understandable modern language. The revisions do not make substantive changes to the oath.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Article 20.16, Code of Criminal Procedure, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes to the oath required to be taken by witnesses appearing before a grand jury.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.