

AN ACT

relating to the information that must be included on the face of an appeal bond.

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

SECTION 1. Article 45.0425(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An appeal bond shall:

(1) provide [recite] that in the cause the defendant was convicted and has appealed;

(2) [and] be conditioned that the defendant shall make the defendant's personal appearance before the court to which the appeal is taken instanter, if the court is in session, or, if the court is not in session, at its next regular term, stating the time and place of that session, and there remain from day to day and term to term, and answer in the cause in the court; and

(3) state the defendant's name, date of birth, and driver's license or personal identification certificate number, if available.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an appeal bond that is approved on or after the effective date of this Act. An appeal bond that is approved before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the bond was approved, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1687 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1687 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor