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H.B. No. 2189

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the hours of operation of the court of criminal appeals  
3 on a day an execution is scheduled to occur.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 22.113 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.113. COURT HOURS ON DAY OF EXECUTION. On a day a  
8 convict is scheduled to be executed, the court of criminal appeals  
9 and clerk's office for the court shall remain open until the  
10 execution has occurred if the court has been notified by the  
11 attorney of record for the convict that the attorney will file  
12 documents with the court requesting a stay of execution.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.