

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: McClendon, Thompson, Gallego, Hodge,
Pierson, et al.

H.B. No. 498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent
3 wrongful convictions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 43, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 43.27 to read as follows:

7 Art. 43.27. TIMOTHY COLE INNOCENCE COMMISSION

8 Sec. 1. CREATION. The Timothy Cole Innocence Commission is
9 created.

10 Sec. 2. COMPOSITION. (a) The commission is composed of the
11 following nine members:

12 (1) two members appointed by the governor, one of whom
13 must be a dean of a law school and one of whom must be a law
14 enforcement officer;

15 (2) one member appointed by the attorney general, who
16 must be an attorney who represents the state in the prosecution of
17 felonies;

18 (3) one member appointed by the chair of the criminal
19 justice committee of the senate, who may be a member of the
20 legislature;

21 (4) one member appointed by the chair of the criminal
22 jurisprudence committee of the house of representatives, who may be
23 a member of the legislature;

24 (5) one member appointed by the chief justice of the

1 supreme court, who must be a member of the judiciary;

2 (6) two members appointed by the chancellor of the
3 Texas Tech University System, one of whom must be a law professor
4 and one of whom must work in the forensic science field; and

5 (7) one member appointed by the Texas Criminal Defense
6 Lawyers Association, who must be a criminal defense lawyer.

7 (b) Each member serves a two-year term.

8 (c) The governor shall designate a member to serve as
9 presiding officer.

10 Sec. 3. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall investigate
11 thoroughly all post-conviction exonerations, including convictions
12 vacated based on a plea to time served, to:

13 (1) ascertain errors and defects in the criminal
14 procedure used to prosecute the defendant's case at issue;

15 (2) identify errors and defects in the criminal
16 justice process in this state generally;

17 (3) develop solutions and methods to correct the
18 identified errors and defects; and

19 (4) identify procedures and programs to prevent future
20 wrongful convictions.

21 (b) The commission may enter into contracts for research
22 services as considered necessary to complete the investigation of a
23 particular case, including forensic testing and autopsies.

24 (c) The commission may administer oaths and issue
25 subpoenas, signed by the presiding officer, to compel the
26 production of documents and the attendance of witnesses as
27 considered necessary to conduct a thorough investigation. A

1 subpoena of the commission shall be served by a peace officer in the
2 manner in which district court subpoenas are served. On
3 application of the commission, a district court of Travis County
4 shall compel compliance with the subpoena in the same manner as for
5 district court subpoenas.

6 Sec. 4. REPORT. (a) The commission shall compile a
7 detailed annual report of its findings and recommendations,
8 including any proposed legislation to implement procedures and
9 programs to prevent future wrongful convictions.

10 (b) The report shall be made available to the public on
11 request.

12 Sec. 5. SUBMISSION. The commission shall submit the report
13 described by Section 4 to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
14 and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than
15 December 1 of each even-numbered year.

16 Sec. 6. RESPONSE. Not later than the 60th day after the
17 date of receipt of the report required by this article, the
18 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
19 representatives shall, singly or jointly, issue a formal written
20 response to the findings and recommendations of the commission.

21 Sec. 7. REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the commission is not
22 entitled to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the
23 member's travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government
24 Code, and the General Appropriations Act.

25 Sec. 8. ASSISTANCE. The Texas Legislative Council, the
26 Legislative Budget Board, and the Texas Tech University System
27 shall assist the commission in performing the commission's duties.

1 Sec. 9. OTHER LAW. The commission is not subject to Chapter
2 2110, Government Code.

3 SECTION 2. The appointments to the Timothy Cole Innocence
4 Commission as required by Article 43.27, Code of Criminal
5 Procedure, as added by this Act, shall be made not later than
6 November 1, 2009.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2009

Antony Davis
Secretary of the Senate

By: Robney Ellis

H.B. No. 498

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 498:

By: Robney Ellis

C.S. H.B. No. 498

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12 whom must be a prosecuting attorney and one of whom must be a
13 law enforcement officer;

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15 justice committee of the senate, who may be a member of the
16 legislature;

17 (3) one member appointed by the chair of the criminal
18 jurisprudence committee of the house of representatives, who may
19 be a member of the legislature;

20 (4) one member appointed by the presiding judge of
21 the court of criminal appeals, who must be a member of the
22 judiciary;

23 (5) one member appointed by the presiding officer of
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1 the Texas Forensic Science Commission, who must work in the
2 forensic science field;

3 (6) one member who is appointed, on a rotating basis,
4 by the executive director of the innocence project at the Texas
5 Tech University School of Law, the president of the Texas Center
6 for Actual Innocence at The University of Texas School of Law,
7 or the director of the Texas innocence network at the University
8 of Houston Law Center and who must be an attorney with
9 experience in filing successful appellate claims based on actual
10 innocence;

11 (7) one member appointed by the Texas Criminal
12 Defense Lawyers Association, who must be a criminal defense
13 lawyer; and

14 (8) the director of the Task Force on Indigent
15 Defense.

16 (b) Each member serves a two-year term.

17 (c) The governor shall designate a member to serve as
18 presiding officer.

19 Sec. 3. DUTIES. The commission shall investigate
20 thoroughly all post-conviction exonerations in this state,
21 including, in appropriate circumstances as determined by the
22 commission, convictions vacated based on a plea to time served,
23 to:

24 (1) ascertain errors and defects in the criminal
25 procedure used to prosecute the defendant's case at issue;

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6 detailed annual report of its findings and recommendations,
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10 request.

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12 report described by Section 4 to the governor, the lieutenant
13 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives not
14 later than December 1 of each even-numbered year.

15 Sec. 6. RESPONSE. Not later than the 60th day after the
16 date of receipt of the report required by this article, the
17 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
18 representatives shall, singly or jointly, issue a formal written
19 response to the findings and recommendations of the commission.

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21 entitled to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for
22 the member's travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660,
23 Government Code, and the General Appropriations Act.

24 Sec. 8. ASSISTANCE. The Texas Legislative Council and the
25 Legislative Budget Board shall assist the commission in
26 performing the commission's duties.

27 Sec. 9. OTHER LAW. The commission is not subject to

1 Chapter 2110, Government Code.

2 SECTION 2. (a) The purpose of this section is to
3 establish the rotating basis for appointments as required by
4 Section 2, Article 43.27, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added
5 by this Act.

6 (b) The executive director of the innocence project at the
7 Texas Tech University School of Law shall make the first
8 appointment under Section 2, Article 43.27, Code of Criminal
9 Procedure, as added by this Act. On the expiration of the term
10 of that appointee, the president of the Texas Center for Actual
11 Innocence at The University of Texas School of Law shall make
12 the second appointment under Section 2, Article 43.27, Code of
13 Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act. On the expiration of
14 the term of that appointee, the director of the Texas innocence
15 network at the University of Houston Law Center shall make the
16 third appointment. On the expiration of the term of that
17 appointee, the appointment cycle described by this section
18 begins again.

19 SECTION 3. The initial appointments to the Timothy Cole
20 Innocence Commission as required by Article 43.27, Code of
21 Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, shall be made not
22 later than November 1, 2009.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

ADOPTED

as amended

MAY 27 2009

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: *Rodney Ellis*

Atay Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 498 (senate committee printing) by
2 striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the
3 following:

4 SECTION 1. (a) An advisory panel is established to assist
5 the Task Force on Indigent Defense established under Subchapter
6 D, Chapter 71, Government Code, in conducting a study and
7 preparing a report regarding the prevention of wrongful
8 convictions as provided by this section.

9 (b) The advisory panel is composed of the following
10 members:

11 (1) the director of the Task Force on Indigent
12 Defense;

13 (2) the chair of the criminal justice committee of
14 the senate or a member of the senate designated by the chair;

15 (3) the chair of the jurisprudence committee of the
16 senate or a member of the senate designated by the chair;

17 (4) the chair of the criminal jurisprudence committee
18 of the house of representatives or a member of the house of
19 representatives designated by the chair;

20 (5) the chair of the corrections committee of the
21 house of representatives or a member of the house of
22 representatives designated by the chair;

23 (6) the executive director of the Texas Criminal
24 Defense Lawyers Association or a representative designated by
25 the executive director;

26 (7) the president of the Texas District and County
27 Attorneys Association or a representative designated by the
28 president;

29 (8) the presiding judge of the court of criminal
30 appeals or a representative who is designated by the presiding

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1 judge and who is a judge of the court of criminal appeals;

2 (9) one representative of a public law school in this
3 state, chosen by the deans of the public law schools in this
4 state; and

5 (10) one employee of the office of the governor,
6 appointed by the governor.

7 (c) The director of the Task Force on Indigent Defense is
8 the presiding officer of the advisory panel. The advisory panel
9 shall meet at the call of the presiding officer but not less
10 than three times in person and as needed by telephone conference
11 call.

12 (d) The Task Force on Indigent Defense, with the advice
13 and assistance of the advisory panel, shall conduct a study
14 regarding:

- 15 (1) the causes of wrongful convictions;
- 16 (2) procedures and programs that may be implemented
17 to prevent future wrongful convictions;
- 18 (3) the effects of state law on wrongful convictions,
19 as determined based on state statutes regarding eyewitness
20 identification procedures, the recording of custodial
21 interrogations, postconviction DNA testing, and writs of habeas
22 corpus based on relevant scientific evidence; and
- 23 (4) whether the creation of an innocence commission
24 to investigate wrongful convictions would be appropriate.

25 (e) The Task Force on Indigent Defense may request that an
26 entity in the legislative, judicial, or executive branch of
27 state government or a political subdivision provide to the
28 advisory panel information related to the advisory panel's
29 duties under this section. On the request of the Task Force on
30 Indigent Defense under this subsection, an entity may provide
31 information to the advisory panel unless the entity is otherwise
32 prohibited from disclosing the information.

1 (f) Not later than January 1, 2011, the Task Force on
2 Indigent Defense shall prepare a report regarding the results of
3 the study conducted under this section and submit the report,
4 after consulting with the advisory panel, to the governor, the
5 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
6 representatives, and the standing committees of each house of
7 the legislature with a representative serving on the advisory
8 panel.

9 (g) This section expires October 1, 2011.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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ADOPTED

MAY 27 2009

Letay Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

Robney Ellis

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 to F.A.# 1 BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 498 (senate committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subsection (b), Article 64.01, Code of
5 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The motion may request forensic DNA testing only of
7 evidence described by Subsection (a) that was secured in relation
8 to the offense that is the basis of the challenged conviction and
9 was in the possession of the state during the trial of the offense,
10 but:

11 (1) was not previously subjected to DNA testing[+

12 [~~(A) because DNA testing was:~~

13 [~~(i) not available, or~~

14 [~~(ii) available, but not technologically~~

15 ~~capable of providing probative results, or~~

16 [~~(B) through no fault of the convicted person,~~

17 ~~for reasons that are of a nature such that the interests of justice~~
18 ~~require DNA testing]; or~~

19 (2) although previously subjected to DNA testing, can
20 be subjected to testing with newer testing techniques that provide
21 a reasonable likelihood of results that are more accurate and
22 probative than the results of the previous test.

23 SECTION _____. Chapter 64, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
24 amended by adding Article 64.035 to read as follows:

25 Art. 64.035. UNIDENTIFIED DNA PROFILES. On completion of
26 the testing under Article 64.03, the convicting court shall order
27 any unidentified DNA profile to be compared with the DNA profiles in
28 the CODIS DNA database established by the Federal Bureau of
29 Investigation.

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1 SECTION _____. Article 64.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Art. 64.04. FINDING. After examining the results of
4 testing under Article 64.03 and any comparison of a DNA profile
5 under Article 64.035, the convicting court shall hold a hearing and
6 make a finding as to whether, had the results been available during
7 the trial of the offense, it is reasonably probable that the person
8 would not have been convicted.

9 SECTION _____. Articles 64.01(b) and 64.04, Code of Criminal
10 Procedure, as amended by this Act, and Article 64.035, Code of
11 Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, apply to a motion for
12 forensic DNA testing filed on or after the effective date of this
13 Act. A motion for forensic DNA testing filed before the effective
14 date of this Act is covered by the law in effect at the time the
15 motion was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
16 purpose.

MAY 27 2009

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 3 to FA # 1 *John J. ... Secretary of the Senate*

1 Amend CSH.B. No. 498 by adding the following appropriately
2 numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent
3 SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ Chapter 11, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
5 amended by adding Article 11.073 to read as follows:

6 Art. 11.073. PROCEDURES RELATED TO CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC
7 EVIDENCE. (a) This article applies to relevant scientific
8 evidence that:

9 (1) was not offered by the convicted person at the
10 convicted person 's trial; or

11 (2) discredits scientific evidence presented by the
12 state at trial.

13 (b) For purposes of Section 4(a)(1), Article 11.07, Section
14 5(a)(1), Article 11.071, and Section 9(a), Article 11.072, a
15 claim in a subsequent application could not have been presented
16 previously in a timely initial application or in a previously
17 considered application if the convicting court determines that
18 the claim is based on relevant scientific evidence that was not
19 ascertainable through the exercise of reasonable diligence by
20 the convicted person before the date of trial.

21 (c) In determining whether relevant scientific evidence was
22 not ascertainable through the exercise of reasonable diligence
23 by the convicted person before the date of trial, the convicting
24 court or, in a proceeding under Article 11.071, the Court of
25 Criminal Appeals, shall consider whether the scientific
26 knowledge or technique on which the relevant scientific evidence
27 is based has changed, in a manner that is material to the person
28 's conviction, in the period between the date of the convicted
29 person 's trial and the date of the subsequent application.

30 SECTION ____ The change in law made by this Act applies
31 only to an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed on or
32 after the effective date of this Act. An application for a writ
33 of habeas corpus filed before the effective date of this Act is
34 governed by the law in effect at the time the application was
35 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
36 purpose.

37 SECTION ____ This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code, Chapter 71, to establish an advisory panel to assist the Task Force on Indigent Defense in conducting a study and preparing a report regarding the prevention of wrongful convictions.

The bill would also amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to procedures for applications for writs of habeas corpus based on relevant scientific evidence. The bill specifies that evidence to discredit scientific evidence presented at trial is among the types of claims or issues that can affect court consideration of an application for a writ of habeas corpus. To the extent the bill modifies claims that can be considered for writs of habeas corpus, the rules change is not anticipated to increase the workload of the court system.

The bill would also amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to post conviction forensic DNA analysis. The bill would require that upon completion of DNA testing the convicting court shall order any unidentified DNA profile to be compared with the DNA profiles in the CODIS DNA database established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. To the extent the bill would require a new procedure, the rules change would not significantly increase the workload of the Department of Public Safety or the courts.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, GG

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2009

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Timothy Cole Texas Innocence Commission to investigate all post-conviction exonerations.

Appointed members of the commission are not entitled to compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of the members' travel expenses. The Texas Legislative Council and the Legislative Budget Board shall assist the commission in performing the commission's duties.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, GG

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2009

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **As Engrossed**

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, GG

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 2009

TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Timothy Cole Texas Innocence Commission to investigate all post-conviction exonerations.

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, GG

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 4, 2009

TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **As Introduced**

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, GG

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT

81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2009

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB498 by McClendon (Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies is anticipated from any provisions of this bill that authorize or require a change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JOB, TMP

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT

81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2009

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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Austin, Texas

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Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JOB, TMP

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT

81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 2, 2009

TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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