

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 3177

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to venue for certain crimes against children.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 13.075 to read as follows:

Art. 13.075. CHILD INJURED IN ONE COUNTY AND RESIDING IN ANOTHER. An offense under Title 5, Penal Code, involving a victim younger than 18 years of age may be prosecuted in the county:

(1) in which the offense was committed;

(2) in which the defendant is apprehended;

(3) in which the victim resides;

(4) in which the defendant resides; or

(5) to which the defendant is extradited.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.