

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2090
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2013;
1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Carona	X		
1-11	Hinojosa	X		
1-12	Patrick	X		
1-13	Rodriguez	X		
1-14	Schwertner	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a written statement made by an accused as a result of
1-18 custodial interrogation.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 38.22, Code of Criminal
1-21 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 1. In this article, a written statement of an accused
1-23 means:

1-24 (1) ~~[a statement signed by the accused or]~~ a statement
1-25 made by the accused in his own handwriting; or

1-26 (2) a statement made in a language the accused can read
1-27 or understand that:

1-28 (A) is signed by the accused; or

1-29 (B) bears the mark of the accused, if the accused
1-30 is unable to write and ~~[, a statement bearing his mark, when]~~ the
1-31 mark is ~~[has been]~~ witnessed by a person other than a peace officer.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a statement made by an
1-33 accused on or after the effective date of this Act. A statement made
1-34 by an accused before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-35 the law in effect when the statement was made, and the former law is
1-36 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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