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S.B. No. 254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the satisfaction of a condition of community supervision requiring performance of community service.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16(f), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(f) In lieu of requiring a defendant to work a specified number of hours at a community service project or projects under Subsection (a), the judge may order a defendant to make a specified donation to:

(1) a nonprofit food bank or food pantry in the community in which the defendant resides; or

(2) an organization selected by the defendant that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and is approved by the judge.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.