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S.B. No. 526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a prohibition on certain law enforcement inquiries
3 regarding the nationality or immigration status of a victim of or
4 witness to a criminal offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 2.13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) A peace officer may not inquire as to the nationality or
9 immigration status of a victim of or witness to a criminal offense
10 except as necessary to investigate the offense or to provide the
11 victim or witness with information about federal visas designed to
12 protect individuals providing assistance to law enforcement.

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, 2013.