

Amend **HB 1396** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) A commission is created to study and review all penal laws of this state other than criminal offenses:

- (1) under the Penal Code;
- (2) under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code; or
- (3) related to the operation of a motor vehicle.

(b) The commission shall:

(1) evaluate all laws described by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) make recommendations to the legislature regarding the repeal of laws that are identified as being unnecessary, unclear, duplicative, overly broad, or otherwise insufficient to serve the intended purpose of the law.

(c) The commission is composed of nine members appointed as follows:

(1) two members appointed by the governor;

(2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) two members appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas; and

(5) one member appointed by the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

(d) The officials making appointments to the commission under Subsection (c) of this section shall ensure that the membership of the commission includes representatives of all areas of the criminal justice system, including prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, legal scholars, and relevant business interests.

(e) The governor shall designate one member of the commission to serve as the presiding officer of the commission.

(f) A member of the commission is not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

(g) The commission shall meet at the call of the presiding officer.

(h) Not later than November 1, 2016, the commission shall report the commission's findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice. The commission shall include in its recommendations any specific statutes that the commission recommends revising or repealing.

(i) Not later than November 1, 2015, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, and the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals shall appoint the members of the commission created under this section.

(j) The commission is abolished and this section expires December 31, 2016.