

AN ACT

relating to donations to certain local veteran's charities ordered as a condition of community supervision.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (h) 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;

(2) a charitable organization engaged primarily in performing charitable functions for veterans in the community in which the defendant resides; or

(3) in a county with a population of less than 50,000, another nonprofit organization that:

(A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 because it is listed in Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and

(B) provides services or assistance to needy individuals and families in the community in which the defendant resides.

1 (h) In this section:

2 (1) "Charitable organization" has the meaning
3 assigned by Section [2252.906](#), Government Code.

4 (2) "Veteran" has the meaning assigned by Section
5 [434.022](#), Government Code.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 583 was passed by the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 583 on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 583 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor