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H.B. No. 583

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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(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 a nonprofit food bank or food pantry in the community in which the defendant resides or a charitable organization engaged primarily in performing charitable functions for veterans in the community in which the defendant resides. In this subsection, "charitable organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 2252.906, Government Code, and "veteran" has the meaning assigned by Section 434.022, Government Code.

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