

1-1 By: Harless (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 643
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
1-3 April 30, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 6, 2015, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the procedures for discharging bail in certain criminal
1-18 proceedings.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 32.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 Art. 32.01. DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY AND NO INDICTMENT
1-23 PRESENTED. (a) When a defendant has been detained in custody or
1-24 held to bail for the defendant's ~~his~~ appearance to answer any
1-25 criminal accusation, the prosecution, unless otherwise ordered by
1-26 the court, for good cause shown, supported by affidavit, shall be
1-27 dismissed and the bail discharged, if indictment or information be
1-28 not presented against the ~~such~~ defendant on or before the last day
1-29 of the next term of the court which is held after the defendant's
1-30 ~~his~~ commitment or admission to bail or on or before the 180th day
1-31 after the date of commitment or admission to bail, whichever date is
1-32 later.

1-33 (b) A surety may file a motion under Subsection (a) for the
1-34 purpose of discharging the defendant's bail only.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

1-36 * * * * *