

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to allowing judges to use juror identification numbers  
3 when polling the jury.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 37.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 37.05. POLLING THE JURY. (a) The State and ~~[or]~~ the  
8 defendant each ~~[shall]~~ have the right to have the jury polled, which  
9 is done by calling separately the name or identification number of  
10 each juror and asking him if the verdict is his. If all jurors, when  
11 asked, answer in the affirmative, the verdict shall be entered upon  
12 the minutes; but if any juror answers ~~[answer]~~ in the negative, the  
13 jury shall retire again to consider its verdict.

14 (b) For the purposes of polling the jury in Subsection (a),  
15 the judge may assign each juror an identification number to use in  
16 place of the juror's name.

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