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H.B. No. 1386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the prohibition of more than one counsel appearing in a  
3 misdemeanor case.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 45.020(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) [~~Not more than one counsel shall conduct either the~~  
8 ~~prosecution or defense.~~] State's counsel may open and conclude the  
9 argument in the case.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
11 to a criminal proceeding that commences on or after the effective  
12 date of this Act. A criminal proceeding that commences before the  
13 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
14 date the proceeding commences, and the former law is continued in  
15 effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.