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H.B. No. 1882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to notice requirements for certain witnesses who are  
3 scheduled to appear before a grand jury.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended by adding Article 20.125 to read as follows:

7 Art. 20.125. NOTICE REQUIREMENT. A witness, including a  
8 witness who is an accused or suspected person, who does not receive  
9 a grant of immunity from prosecution in exchange for the witness's  
10 testimony before a grand jury is entitled to receive notice that the  
11 witness is scheduled to appear before the grand jury not later than  
12 the 10th day before the date that any appearance before the grand  
13 jury is required, unless the notice is waived by the witness.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to a grand jury proceeding that begins on or after the effective  
16 date of this Act. A grand jury proceeding that begins before the  
17 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
18 date the proceeding began, and the former law is continued in effect  
19 for that purpose.

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