

House Bill 583
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Section 16, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (h) 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:

(1) a nonprofit food bank or food pantry in the community in which the defendant resides;

(2) a charitable organization engaged primarily in performing charitable functions for veterans in the community in which the defendant resides; or

(3) in a county with a population of less than 50,000, another nonprofit organization that:

(A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 because it is listed in Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and

(B) provides services or assistance to needy individuals and families in the community in which the defendant resides.

(h) In this section:

(1) "Charitable organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 2252.906, Government Code.

(2) "Veteran" has the meaning assigned by Section 434.022, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE