

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 682  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties express concern that there is uncertainty regarding the applicable statute of limitations for certain aggravated offenses. H.B. 682 seeks to mitigate this issue by clarifying the statute of limitations for aggravated assault.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 682 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that the statute of limitations for the felony offense of aggravated assault is three years from the date of the commission of the offense. The bill conditions the requirement that an offense that bears the title "aggravated" carry the same limitation period as the primary crime on the absence of a limitation period specifically provided for the aggravated offense.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.