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H.B. No. 1177

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release on personal bond of a person arrested for an out-of-county offense under certain circumstances.

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

SECTION 1. Article 15.21, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 15.21. RELEASE ON PERSONAL BOND [~~PRISONER DISCHARGED~~] IF NOT TIMELY DEMANDED. If the proper office of the county where the offense is alleged to have been committed does not demand an [~~the~~] arrested person described by Article 15.19 and take charge of the arrested person before the 11th day after the date the person is committed to the jail of the county in which the person is arrested, a magistrate in the county where the person was arrested shall:

(1) release the arrested person on personal bond without sureties or other security; and

(2) forward the personal bond to:

(A) the sheriff of the county where the offense is alleged to have been committed; or

(B) the court that issued the warrant of arrest [~~the arrested person shall be discharged from custody~~].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this Act. A person arrested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the person was arrested,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.