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H.B. No. 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the carrying of concealed or holstered handguns in a courthouse by certain court clerks licensed to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(3) that the actor:

(1) possessed or carried in a concealed manner or in a shoulder or belt holster a handgun that the person was licensed to carry under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code; and

(2) was a county clerk, deputy county clerk, district clerk, or deputy district clerk.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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