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H.B. No. 2893

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a personal bond office and pretrial services in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), any ~~Any~~ county, or any judicial district with jurisdiction in more than one county, with the approval of the commissioners court of each county in the district, may establish a personal bond office to gather and review information about an accused that may have a bearing on whether the accused ~~he~~ will comply with the conditions of a personal bond and report its findings to the court before which the case is pending.

(b) The commissioners court of a county with a population of 700,000 or more but less than 780,000 shall establish a personal bond office for that county. In addition to the duties described by Subsection (a), an office established under this subsection must implement a pretrial services program to provide services related to defendants released on bail in the county, including supervising and otherwise monitoring a defendant to ensure the defendant's:

(1) compliance with conditions of bail; and

(2) appearance in court as required.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the

1 commissioners court of a county described by Section 1(b), Article
2 17.42, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, shall
3 establish the personal bond office as required by that section.

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