

1-1 By: Kacal (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 4147  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;  
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a defendant's right to appeal from a judgment or  
 1-20 conviction in a municipal court of record.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 30.00014(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) A defendant has the right of appeal from a judgment or  
 1-25 conviction in a municipal court of record. The state has the right  
 1-26 to appeal as provided by Article 44.01, Code of Criminal Procedure.  
 1-27 The county criminal courts or county criminal courts of appeal in  
 1-28 the county in which the municipality is located or the municipal  
 1-29 courts of appeal have jurisdiction of appeals from a municipal  
 1-30 court of record. If there is no county criminal court, county  
 1-31 criminal court of appeal, or municipal court of appeal, the county  
 1-32 courts at law have jurisdiction of an appeal. If a county does not  
 1-33 have a county court at law under Chapter 25, the county court has  
 1-34 jurisdiction of any appeal.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act is intended  
 1-36 only to clarify existing law with respect to a judgment or  
 1-37 conviction that occurs in a municipal court of record and is  
 1-38 appealed to a county court.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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