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S.B. No. 1474

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of impersonating a
3 public servant.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.11(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (a) A person commits an offense if the person [~~he~~]:

8 (1) impersonates a public servant with intent to
9 induce another to submit to the person's [~~his~~] pretended official
10 authority or to rely on the person's [~~his~~] pretended official acts;
11 [~~or~~]

12 (2) knowingly purports to exercise any function of a
13 public servant or of a public office, including that of a judge and
14 court, and the position or office through which the person [~~he~~]
15 purports to exercise a function of a public servant or public office
16 has no lawful existence under the constitution or laws of this state
17 or of the United States; or

18 (3) while serving as mediator or arbitrator, knowingly
19 represents to another person that the actor is or was a member of
20 the judiciary of this state, any other state, or the United States
21 or uses any of the titles "judge," "justice," or "honorable," if the
22 actor was not previously elected or appointed to be a member of the
23 judiciary of this state, any other state, or the United States.

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