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H.B. No. 480

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a challenge to a grand juror.

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

SECTION 1. Article 19.31, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The court shall allow the attorney representing the state a reasonable opportunity to question a grand juror in order to determine whether the juror may be challenged under Subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (7), or (10).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a grand jury impaneled on or after the effective date of this Act. A grand jury impaneled before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the grand jury was impaneled, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.