

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of sexual assault.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.011(f), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree, except that an offense under this section is a felony of the first degree if the victim was, without regard to legitimacy, the actor's:

(1) ancestor or descendant by blood or adoption; or

(2) current or former stepchild or stepparent [~~a person whom the actor was prohibited from marrying or purporting to marry or with whom the actor was prohibited from living under the appearance of being married under Section 25.01~~].

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, 2019.