

By: Watson

S.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a statement presented in a criminal case by a victim,  
close relative of a deceased victim, or guardian of a victim.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 42.03, Code of Criminal  
Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The court may not impose a limit on the number of  
victims, close relatives, or guardians who may appear and present  
statements under Subsection (b) unless the court finds that  
additional statements would unreasonably delay the proceeding.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
defendant who is sentenced for an offense on or after the effective  
date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense is committed  
before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

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