

By: Watson

S.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a statement presented in a criminal case by a victim,
3 close relative of a deceased victim, or guardian of a victim.

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

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

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

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

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