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S.B. No. 1820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of  
3 impersonating a 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, without legal  
13 authority, any function of a public servant or of a public office,  
14 including that of a judge and court[, ~~and the position or office~~  
15 ~~through which he purports to exercise a function of a public servant~~  
16 ~~or public office has no lawful existence under the constitution or~~  
17 ~~laws of this state or of the United States)].~~

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
19 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
20 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
21 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
22 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
23 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
24 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

1 before that date.

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