

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of impersonating a public servant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.11(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person [~~he~~]:

(1) impersonates a public servant with intent to induce another to submit to the person's [~~his~~] pretended official authority or to rely on the person's [~~his~~] pretended official acts; or

(2) knowingly purports to exercise, without legal authority, any function of a public servant or of a public office, including that of a judge and court[, ~~and the position or office through which he purports to exercise a function of a public servant or public office has no lawful existence under the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States~~].

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

1 before that date.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1820 passed the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1820 passed the House on May 14, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor