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H.B. No. 285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the punishment for certain conduct  
constituting the criminal offense of obstruction or retaliation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 36.06(c), Penal Code, is amended to read  
as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a felony of the third  
degree, except that the offense is a felony of the second degree if:

(1) the victim of the offense was harmed or threatened  
because of the victim's service or status as a public servant  
~~juror~~; or

(2) the actor's conduct is described by Subsection  
(a-1) and results in the bodily injury of a public servant or a  
member of a public servant's family or household.

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, 2021.