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H.B. No. 3194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the presence of a spiritual leader during the execution
3 of a person.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 43, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 43.201 to read as follows:

7 Art. 43.201. PRESENCE OF SPIRITUAL LEADER DURING EXECUTION.

8 The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall allow a condemned
9 person to choose a spiritual leader of the religion that the person
10 practices to be present in the room during the person's execution.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.