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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to inquests a justice of the peace conducts by videoconference in certain circumstances.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 49.05(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A justice of the peace may conduct an inquest:

(1)  at the place where the death occurred;

(2)  where the body was found; [~~or~~]

(3)  by videoconference with an individual who is:

(A)  designated by the justice of the peace; and

(B)  present with the body for a death described by Article 49.04(a)(6) or (7); or

(4)  at any other place determined to be reasonable by the justice.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.