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H.B. No. 1642

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to inquests a justice of the peace conducts by
3 videoconference in certain circumstances.

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

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

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

8 (1) at the place where the death occurred;

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

10 (3) by videoconference with an individual who is
11 present with the body for a death described by Article 49.04(a)(6);
12 or

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

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