

By: Jones of Harris

H.B. No. 1835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the venue for prosecution of misdemeanor cases in justice courts.

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

SECTION 1. Article 4.12(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this article, a misdemeanor case to be tried in justice court shall be tried:

(1) in the precinct in which the offense was committed;

(2) in the precinct in which the defendant or any of the defendants reside;

(3) with the written consent of the state and each defendant or the defendant's attorney, in any other precinct within the county; or

(4) if the offense was committed in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, in any precinct that is:

(A) [in the county that is] adjacent to the precinct in which the offense was committed; and

(B) located in that county.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a misdemeanor case that is initially filed in a justice court on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the case is filed occurred before, on, or after

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1 the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.