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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.