H.B. No. 305

AN ACT

relating to the time period for conducting pretrial hearings after a criminal defendant has been restored to competency.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 46B.084(d-1), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(d-1)  This article does not require the criminal case to be finally resolved within any specific period, except that, in a jurisdiction to which Subsection (d)(1) applies, a pretrial hearing on any evidentiary or procedural issue that must be resolved for the criminal proceedings in the case to proceed to trial or another resolution must be conducted not later than the 14th day after the date of the court's determination under this article that the defendant's competency has been restored.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 305 was passed by the House on May 13, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 136, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 305 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor