

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 2594
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 9, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 27, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 27, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King			X	
1-14	Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the venue for the prosecution of certain criminal
1-18 conduct involving theft.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 13A.251, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-22 (a-1) An offense involving theft of intangible personal
1-23 property may be prosecuted in the county:

1-24 (1) in which the person whose property was unlawfully
1-25 appropriated resides;

1-26 (2) in which the defendant is apprehended; or

1-27 (3) to which the defendant is extradited.

1-28 SECTION 2. Article 13A.501, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-29 amended to read as follows:

1-30 Art. 13A.501. ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
1-31 Engaging in organized criminal activity may be prosecuted in:

1-32 (1) any county in which an act is committed to effect
1-33 an objective of the combination;

1-34 (2) if the prosecution is based on an offense
1-35 involving theft of intangible personal property, the county:

1-36 (A) in which the person whose property was
1-37 unlawfully appropriated resides;

1-38 (B) in which the defendant is apprehended; or

1-39 (C) to which the defendant is extradited;

1-40 (3) if the prosecution is based on an offense
1-41 classified as a felony under Chapter 32, Penal Code:

1-42 (A) any county in which a victim resides;

1-43 (B) the county in which the defendant is
1-44 apprehended; or

1-45 (C) the county to which the defendant is
1-46 extradited; or

1-47 (4) ~~(2)~~ if the prosecution is based on an offense
1-48 classified as a felony under the Tax Code, any county in which venue
1-49 is proper under the Tax Code for the offense.

1-50 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-51 to the prosecution of an offense committed on or after the effective
1-52 date of this Act. The prosecution of an offense committed before
1-53 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
1-54 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued
1-55 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an
1-56 offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any
1-57 element of the offense occurred before that date.

1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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