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H.B. No. 3047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public use of audio and visual materials produced by the legislative branch.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 306.0065 to read as follows:

Sec. 306.0065. LEGISLATIVELY PRODUCED AUDIO AND VISUAL MATERIALS. (a) In this section, "visual materials" means photographic, video, or other material containing a still or moving recorded image or images.

(b) All audio and visual materials produced by the legislature or by a house, committee, or agency of the legislature are public and not subject to copyright restrictions.

SECTION 2. Sections 306.0055 and 306.006, Government Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The repeal by this Act of Section 306.006, Government Code, does not apply to an offense committed under that section before the effective date of the repeal. An offense committed before the effective date of the repeal is governed by the law as it existed on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of the repeal if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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