

1-1 By: Lopez of Bexar, et al. H.B. No. 5238
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-5 Justice; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Flores	X			
1-10	Parker	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Huffman	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the criminal offense of disrupting a meeting or
1-19 procession.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 42.05(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
1-22 as follows:

1-23 (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to prevent
1-24 or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, whether in
1-25 person or virtual, the person ~~he~~ obstructs or interferes with the
1-26 meeting, procession, or gathering by:

1-27 (1) physical action;
1-28 (2) ~~or~~ verbal utterance; or
1-29 (3) electronic disturbance, including hacking, of any
1-30 virtual component of the meeting, procession, or gathering.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-32 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-33 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-34 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-35 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-36 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-37 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-38 before that date.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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