1-1 By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo S.B. No. 614 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2024; February 3, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 5, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee 1**-**2 1**-**3 1-4 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2025, sent 1-6 to printer.) 1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE Nay 1-8 Absent PNV Flores 1-9 Χ 1-10 1-11 Parker Hagenbuch 1-12 Hinojosa of Hidalgo X Huffman 1-13 Χ 1-14 King 1-15 Miles 1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 614 By: Flores 1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT relating to the authority of the Texas Forensic Science Commission 1-19 1-20 to review and refer certain cases to the office of capital and 1-21 1-22 forensic writs. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 4(h), Article 38.01, Code of Criminal 1-23 1-24 Procedure, is amended to read as follows: 1-25 (h) The commission may review and refer to the office of <u>capital</u> and forensic writs in accordance with Section 78.054(b), Government Code, cases that are: 1-26 1-27 (1) the subject of an investigation under Subsection 1-28 1-29 (a) (3) or (a-1); or (2) dismissed by the commission with an referral to a previously published report that:

(A) covers the same subject matter; and 1-30 express 1-31 1-32 is issued under Subsection (b), 1-33 (B) (b-1). 1-34 (b-2) [to the office of capital and forensic writs in accordance with Section 78.054(b), Government Code]. 1-35

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

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