

AN ACT

relating to access to the crime laboratory portal.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.164, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.164. DEFENSE COUNSEL ACCESS TO CRIME LABORATORY PORTAL. In accordance with department rule, the attorney representing the state in a criminal action shall designate [~~the defendant or~~] the defendant's attorney[~~, as appropriate,~~] as an individual who is authorized to access and use the crime laboratory portal under Section 411.162 to request any crime laboratory records that are subject to discovery under Article 39.14, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a criminal proceeding that commences on or after the effective date of this Act. A criminal proceeding that commences before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

S.B. No. 1372

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1372 passed the Senate on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1372 passed the House on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 34, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor