

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalties for forgery.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 32.21(c), (d), (e), (e-1), and (e-2), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsections (d), (e), and (e-1), an offense under this section is a state jail felony [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

(d) Subject to Subsection (e-1), an offense under this section is a [~~state jail~~] felony of the third degree if the writing is or purports to be a will, codicil, deed, deed of trust, mortgage, security instrument, security agreement, credit card, check, authorization to debit an account at a financial institution, or similar sight order for payment of money, contract, release, or other commercial instrument.

(e) Subject to Subsection (e-1), an offense under this section is a felony of the second [~~third~~] degree if the writing is or purports to be:

(1) part of an issue of money, securities, postage or revenue stamps;

(2) a government record listed in Section 37.01(2)(C);
or

(3) other instruments issued by a state or national government or by a subdivision of either, or part of an issue of

1 stock, bonds, or other instruments representing interests in or
2 claims against another person.

3 (e-1) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
4 section that the actor engaged in the conduct to obtain or attempt
5 to obtain a property or service, an offense under this section is:

6 (1) a Class B [~~C~~] misdemeanor if the value of the
7 property or service is less than \$100;

8 (2) a Class A [~~B~~] misdemeanor if the value of the
9 property or service is \$100 or more but less than \$750;

10 (3) a state jail felony [~~Class A misdemeanor~~] if the
11 value of the property or service is \$750 or more but less than
12 \$2,500;

13 (4) a [~~state jail~~] felony of the third degree if the
14 value of the property or service is \$2,500 or more but less than
15 \$30,000;

16 (5) a felony of the second [~~third~~] degree if the value
17 of the property or service is \$30,000 or more but less than
18 \$150,000; and

19 (6) a felony of the first [~~second~~] degree if the value
20 of the property or service is \$150,000 or more [~~but less than~~
21 ~~\$300,000, and~~

22 [~~(7) a felony of the first degree if the value of the~~
23 ~~property or service is \$300,000 or more]~~.

24 (e-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
25 an offense under this section, other than an offense described for
26 purposes of punishment by Subsection (e-1)(6) [~~(e-1)(7)~~], is
27 increased to the next higher category of offense if it is shown on

1 the trial of the offense that the offense was committed against an
2 elderly individual as defined by Section [22.04](#).

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
7 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
8 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
10 before that date.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1379 passed the Senate on March 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1379 passed the House on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 98, Nays 43, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor