

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 2876
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 7, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 April 9, 2025, re-referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-5 April 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-6 Nays 0; April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17			X	
1-18	X			
1-19	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to increasing the criminal penalty for participating in a
 1-23 riot while wearing a mask or other face covering.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 42.02(f), Penal Code, is amended to read
 1-26 as follows:

1-27 (f) An offense under this section is:

1-28 (1) an offense of the same classification as any
 1-29 offense of a higher grade committed by anyone engaged in the riot if
 1-30 the offense was:

1-31 (A) [~~(1)~~] in the furtherance of the purpose of
 1-32 the assembly; or

1-33 (B) [~~(2)~~] an offense which should have been
 1-34 anticipated as a result of the assembly; or

1-35 (2) a Class A misdemeanor if it is shown on the trial
 1-36 of the offense that at the time of the offense the actor was wearing
 1-37 a mask or other face covering with the intent to conceal the actor's
 1-38 identity.

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-40 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-41 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-42 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-43 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-44 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-45 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-46 before that date.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

1-48 * * * * *