

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1386  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;  
 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Burton	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Hinojosa	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Perry	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the prohibition of more than one counsel appearing in a  
 1-18 misdemeanor case.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 45.020(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
 1-21 is amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) ~~[Not more than one counsel shall conduct either the~~  
 1-23 ~~prosecution or defense.]~~ State's counsel may open and conclude the  
 1-24 argument in the case.

1-25 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-26 to a criminal proceeding that commences on or after the effective  
 1-27 date of this Act. A criminal proceeding that commences before the  
 1-28 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
 1-29 date the proceeding commences, and the former law is continued in  
 1-30 effect for that purpose.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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