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H.B. No. 2291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the punishment for certain persons convicted of the offense of possession or promotion of child pornography.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 43.26(d) and (g), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the second [third] degree, except that the offense is a felony of the first degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the person has been previously convicted one or more times of an offense under that subsection.

(g) An offense under Subsection (e) is a felony of the first [second] degree.

SECTION 2. Section 508.145, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense under Section 43.26, Penal Code, is not eligible for release on parole until the inmate's actual calendar time served, without consideration of good conduct time, equals one-half of the inmate's sentence.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
2 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
3 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
4 before that date.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.