

1-1 By: Hall, Flores, Hinojosa S.B. No. 386
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 12, 2023; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 30, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the prosecution of a capital murder committed against a
 1-18 peace officer or fireman.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Richard Houston II
 1-21 Act.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 19.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-24 (d) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), the actor is presumed
 1-25 to have known the person murdered was a peace officer or fireman if
 1-26 the person:

1-27 (1) was wearing a distinctive uniform or badge
 1-28 indicating the person's employment as a peace officer or fireman;
 1-29 or

1-30 (2) made an identification as a peace officer or
 1-31 fireman to the actor.

1-32 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-33 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-34 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-35 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-36 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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