

1-1 By: Anchía, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2697
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 9, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 21, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-8	Flores	X		PNV
1-9	Parker	X		
1-10	Hagenbuch	X		
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-12	Huffman			X
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

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

1-17 relating to certain procedures in connection with a bond
1-18 forfeiture.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 17.19, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-21 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
1-22 read as follows:

1-23 (a) Subject to Subsection (a-1), a [Any] surety that wants[~~r~~
1-24 ~~desiring~~] to surrender the surety's [his] principal and has
1-25 notified [after notifying] the principal's attorney, if the
1-26 principal is represented by an attorney, in a manner provided by
1-27 Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, of the surety's intention
1-28 to surrender the principal, may file an affidavit of that [such]
1-29 intention before the court or magistrate before which the
1-30 prosecution is pending. The affidavit must state:

- 1-31 (1) the court and cause number of the case;
- 1-32 (2) the name of the defendant;
- 1-33 (3) the offense with which the defendant is charged;
- 1-34 (4) the date of the bond;
- 1-35 (5) the cause for the surrender; and
- 1-36 (6) that notice of the surety's intention to surrender

1-37 the principal has been given as required by this subsection and
1-38 Subsection (a-1), if applicable.

1-39 (a-1) If the offense with which the defendant is charged is
1-40 classified as a felony under the Penal Code, in addition to
1-41 satisfying the requirements provided by Subsection (a), a surety
1-42 must, before filing the affidavit described by that subsection,
1-43 notify the attorney representing the state with jurisdiction in the
1-44 case of the surety's intention to surrender the principal.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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