

Chapter 380

H.B. No. 4147

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a defendant's right to appeal from a judgment or  
3 conviction in a municipal court of record.

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

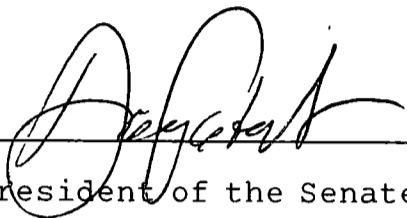
5 SECTION 1. Section 30.00014(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

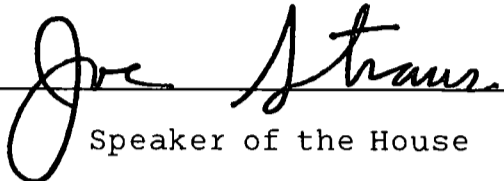
7 (a) A defendant has the right of appeal from a judgment or  
8 conviction in a municipal court of record. The state has the right  
9 to appeal as provided by Article 44.01, Code of Criminal Procedure.  
10 The county criminal courts or county criminal courts of appeal in  
11 the county in which the municipality is located or the municipal  
12 courts of appeal have jurisdiction of appeals from a municipal  
13 court of record. If there is no county criminal court, county  
14 criminal court of appeal, or municipal court of appeal, the county  
15 courts at law have jurisdiction of an appeal. If a county does not  
16 have a county court at law under Chapter 25, the county court has  
17 jurisdiction of any appeal.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act is intended  
19 only to clarify existing law with respect to a judgment or  
20 conviction that occurs in a municipal court of record and is  
21 appealed to a county court.

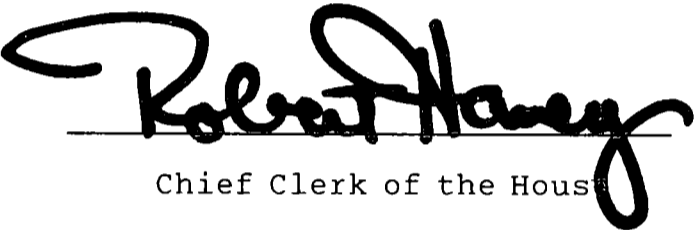
22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4147 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

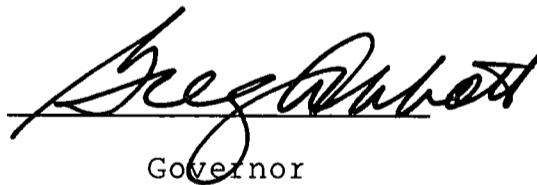
  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4147 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

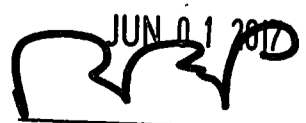
  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5-31-2017

Date

  
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Governor

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11:00 AM O'CLOCK

  
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Secretary of State

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4147** by Kacal (Relating to a defendant's right to appeal from a judgment or conviction in a municipal court of record.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

**LBB Staff:** UP, ZB, LBO, GG, BM

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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