

Chapter 256

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the offense of funeral service disruption.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 42.055(b), Penal Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (b) A person commits an offense if, during the period
7 beginning one hour before the service begins and ending one hour
8 after the service is completed, the person engages in picketing
9 within 1,000 [~~500~~] feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a
10 funeral service.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
12 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
13 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
14 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
15 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the
16 purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the
17 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
18 before that date.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1093 was passed by the House on April 5, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1093 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1093 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 4 JUN 07

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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