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AN ACT

relating to the venue for prosecution of misdemeanor cases in justice of the peace courts located in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Article 4.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this article, a misdemeanor case to be tried in justice court shall be tried:

(1) in the precinct in which the offense was committed;

(2) in the precinct in which the defendant or any of the defendants reside; [~~or~~]

(3) with the written consent of the state and each defendant or the defendant's attorney, in any other precinct within the county; or

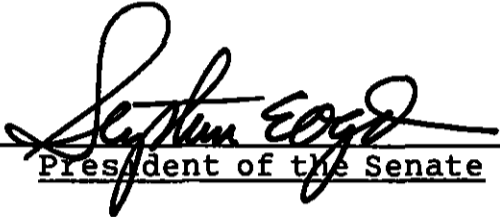
(4) if the offense was committed in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, in any precinct in the county that is adjacent to the precinct in which the offense was committed.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Article 4.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended 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 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,

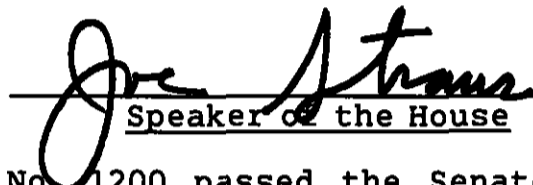
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1 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
2 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011._____



President of the Senate



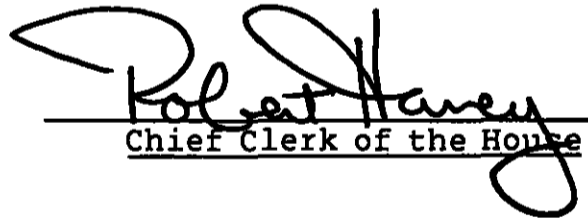
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1200 passed the Senate on
April 29, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0._____



Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1200 passed the House on
May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one
present not voting._____



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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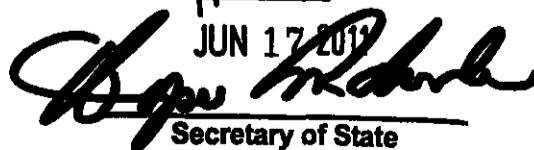
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