

CHAPTER 176

H.B. No. 1222

1 AN ACT
2 relating to venue for certain alleged violations or offenses under
3 the Water Safety Act.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.126(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Venue for an alleged violation or offense under the
8 provisions of this chapter is in the justice court, ~~or~~ county
9 court, or municipal court having jurisdiction where the violation
10 or offense was committed.

11 SECTION 2. Section 31.126(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
12 amended by this Act, applies only to a violation that occurs or an
13 offense that is committed on or after the effective date of this
14 Act. A violation that occurs or an offense that is committed before
15 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
16 the violation occurred or the offense was committed, and the former
17 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
18 section, a violation occurs or an offense is committed before the
19 effective date of this Act if any element of the violation or
20 offense occurs or is committed before that date.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1222 was passed by the House on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1222 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Saw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 25 MAY '13

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

7:00 O'CLOCK

MAY 25 2013

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Secretary of State