

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the procedures for discharging bail in certain criminal
3 proceedings.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 32.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 32.01. DEFENDANT IN CUSTODY AND NO INDICTMENT
8 PRESENTED. (a) When a defendant has been detained in custody or
9 held to bail for the defendant's [~~his~~] appearance to answer any
10 criminal accusation, the prosecution, unless otherwise ordered by
11 the court, for good cause shown, supported by affidavit, shall be
12 dismissed and the bail discharged, if indictment or information be
13 not presented against the [~~such~~] defendant on or before the last day
14 of the next term of the court which is held after the defendant's
15 [~~his~~] commitment or admission to bail or on or before the 180th day
16 after the date of commitment or admission to bail, whichever date is
17 later.

18 (b) A surety may file a motion under Subsection (a) for the
19 purpose of discharging the defendant's bail only.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 643 was passed by the House on April 17, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 643 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor