

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the consideration of certain scientific evidence
3 constituting the basis for an application for a writ of habeas
4 corpus.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 11.073(d), Code of Criminal Procedure,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (d) In making a finding as to whether relevant scientific
9 evidence was not ascertainable through the exercise of reasonable
10 diligence on or before a specific date, the court shall consider
11 whether the field of scientific knowledge, a testifying expert's
12 scientific knowledge, or a scientific method on which the relevant
13 scientific evidence is based has changed since:

14 (1) the applicable trial date or dates, for a
15 determination made with respect to an original application; or

16 (2) the date on which the original application or a
17 previously considered application, as applicable, was filed, for a
18 determination made with respect to a subsequent application.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3724 was passed by the House on May 11, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3724 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor