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H.B. No. 268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to venue in the prosecution of certain criminal conduct involving obstruction or retaliation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 13.37 to read as follows:

Art. 13.37. OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION. An offense under Section 36.06(a)(1), Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in which:

(1) the harm occurs; or

(2) the threat to do harm originated or was received.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to venue for the trial of an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. Venue for the trial of 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, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.