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H.B. No. 561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the secrecy of grand jury proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Article 20.02, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(g) The attorney representing the state may not disclose anything transpiring before the grand jury except as permitted by Subsections (c), (d), ~~[and]~~ (e), and (i).

(i) The attorney representing the state shall disclose to a grand jury investigating a person accused or suspected of committing an offense the result of any vote taken on an indictment by a previous grand jury investigating the same act or omission giving rise to the criminal accusation.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a grand jury for which the term of the grand jury commences on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.