

CHAPTER 719

H.B. No. 1391

An Act relating to venue for prosecution of unauthorized use of vehicle offenses; adding Article 13.23 to Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, is amended by adding Article 13.23 to read as follows:

Art. 13.23. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE. An offense of unauthorized use of a vehicle may be prosecuted in any county where the unauthorized use of the vehicle occurred or in the county in which the vehicle was originally reported stolen.

SECTION 2. This Act applies to a prosecution commenced by the filing of an indictment or information on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 17, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985

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