

CHAPTER 582

S.B. No. 574

An Act relating to the punishment for first degree felony offenders who are repeat offenders; amending Subsection (c), Section 12.42, Penal Code, as amended.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 12.42, Penal Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) If it be shown on the trial of a first-degree felony that the defendant has been once before convicted of any felony, on conviction he shall be punished by confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections for life, or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years. *In addition to imprisonment, an individual may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.*”

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

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.

Passed the Senate on May 22, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985