

CHAPTER 232

H.B. No. 1275

AN ACT

relating to appeals from a judgment of the municipal courts of record in Fort Worth.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30.153(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A defendant has the right of appeal from a judgment of conviction in a municipal court of record as provided by this subchapter. The state has ~~the~~ [no] right to [an] appeal as provided by Article 44.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, and for purposes of that appeal, the prosecuting attorney is the city attorney ~~[or to a new trial]~~. The county court that has appellate criminal jurisdiction shall hear the appeal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993, and applies only to the appeal of an order, ruling of law, or sentence entered on or after that date. The appeal of an order, ruling of law, or sentence entered before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the order, ruling, or sentence was entered, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

**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 by the House on April 6, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 6, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.