

CHAPTER 535

H.B. No. 1239

AN ACT

relating to the classification of Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanors and to jurisdiction of misdemeanor offenses charged under that code.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.406, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.406. CLASS C PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE MISDEMEANOR. An individual adjudged guilty of a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 [~~\$200~~].

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 12.411 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.411. JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE COURT. In addition to the jurisdiction provided by the constitution and other law, a justice court has jurisdiction of Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanors.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to the punishment for an offense committed on or after that date. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed 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 is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

SECTION 4. 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 May 7, 1987, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1239 on May 25, 1987, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.