

CHAPTER 253

H.B. No. 169

AN ACT

relating to immunity for the reporting of child abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34.03, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.03. IMMUNITIES. (a) *Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, a [Any] person reporting pursuant to this chapter is immune from liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.*

(b) *Persons who report their own conduct or who otherwise report [reporting] in bad faith or malice are not protected by this section.*

SECTION 2. 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 March 10, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 15, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective August 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.