

CHAPTER 623

H.B. No. 1827

AN ACT

relating to the information required in a personal bond.

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

SECTION 1. Article 17.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 17.04. REQUISITES OF A PERSONAL BOND. A personal bond is sufficient if it includes the requisites of a bail bond as set out in Article 17.08, except that no sureties are required. In addition, a personal bond shall contain:

- (1) the defendant's name, address, and place of employment;
- (2) *identification information, including the defendant's:*
 - (A) *date and place of birth;*
 - (B) *height, weight, and color of hair and eyes;*
 - (C) *driver's license number and state of issuance, if any; and*
 - (D) *nearest relative's name and address, if any; and*
- (3) [~~and~~] the following oath sworn and signed by the defendant:

"I swear that I will appear before (the court or magistrate) at (address, city, county) Texas, on the (date), at the hour of (time, a.m. or p.m.) or upon notice by the court, or pay to the court the principal sum of (amount) plus all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in any arrest for failure to appear."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1827 on May 31, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.