

CHAPTER 443

H.B. No. 95

AN ACT

relating to authorizing written admonitions to defendants in criminal cases.

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

SECTION 1. Article 26.13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

*(d) The court may make the admonitions required by this article either orally or in writing. If the court makes the admonitions in writing, it must receive a*

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*statement signed by the defendant and the defendant's attorney that he understands the admonitions and is aware of the consequences of his plea. If the defendant is unable or refuses to sign the statement, the court shall make the admonitions orally.*

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 April 23, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

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