

PROCLAMATION

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL PROCEDURE REFORM

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16, House Rules, I, Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, create the House Select Committee on Criminal Procedure Reform.

The Code of Criminal Procedure governs the treatment of every person and entity involved in a criminal proceeding in Texas. It safeguards the rights of the accused and our State. The code provides mechanisms not only for prosecution but also for prevention of crimes against our citizens. This vital statute has not been rewritten since 1965. As a result, it has become overcrowded, disorganized, and difficult to navigate, such that there is a pressing need to consider rewriting and reorganizing it. Therefore, this select committee shall study and make recommendations regarding the reorganization and revision of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The committee may use the resources of or request assistance from any state agency, including the Texas Legislative Council and the Office of the Attorney General.

The committee shall have 5 members.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Criminal Procedure Reform:

Debbie Riddle, Chair
Stefani Carter
Abel Herrero
Joseph Moody
Tan Parker