

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 580
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that the statute of limitation for aggravated assault is not sufficiently clear. H.B. 580 seeks to provide clarity on the matter.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 580 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that the statute of limitations for the felony offense of aggravated assault is three years from the date of the commission of the offense. The bill conditions the requirement that an offense bearing the title "aggravated" carry the same limitation period as the primary crime on the absence of a limitation period specifically provided for the aggravated offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.