

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law allows a person convicted of theft to serve on a grand jury. This bill would include a conviction of theft as a disqualification for service on a grand jury.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 216 disqualifies of a person convicted of theft from selection or service as a grand juror.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 19.08, Code of Criminal Procedure, to include a conviction of theft as a disqualification for serving as a grand juror.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.