

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The current heading of Article 36.29, Code of Criminal Procedure, is imprecise as a result of previous legislative amendments to the statute. H.B. 842 conforms the heading to the content of the statute and specifies that a judge has discretion to determine that a juror is disabled from sitting on the jury after a felony trial has begun.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 36.29, Code of Criminal Procedure, by amending the heading to read as follows:

Art. 36.29. IF A JUROR DIES OR BECOMES DISABLED.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 36.29(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a jury with fewer than 12 members to render a verdict when, after a trial of a felony case begins, a juror dies or, as determined by the judge, becomes disabled, with an exception.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.