

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1681  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, there is some confusion regarding the consideration of a payment for certain tickets as sufficient to indicate a person's intent to enter a plea of no contest. C.S.S.B. 1681 allows for the payment for certain tickets to be sufficient for a plea of no contest.

### **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 Section 27.14(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that payment of a fine or an amount accepted by the court, in a misdemeanor case for which the maximum possible punishment is by fine only, constitutes a finding of guilty in open court as though a plea of nolo contendere had been entered by the defendant and constitutes a waiver of a jury trial in writing.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Differs from the original by amending the relating clause.

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Adds new SECTIONS 2 and 3 to make application of this Act prospective and amend the effective date of this Act from 90 days after adjournment to September 1, 2001.