

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the capital murder statute does not encompass a scenario where a terrorist may murder a person with the specific intention of intimidating the public or paralyzing or influencing the workings of the government. H.B. 11 incorporates murder in the course of a terroristic threat to the list of offenses constituting capital murder.

### **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 19.03(a), Penal Code, to provide that a person commits an offense if the person commits murder as defined under Section 19.02(b)(1) and the person intentionally commits the murder in the course of committing or attempting to commit terroristic threat under Section 22.07(a)(1), (3), (4), (5), or (6).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 22.07, Penal Code, as follows:

- (a) Provides that a person commits an offense if the person threatens to commit any offense involving violence to any person or property with intent to place the public in fear of serious bodily injury, or influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.
- (b) Makes an offense under Subdivision (5) or (6) of Subsection (a) a felony of the second degree.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.