

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 583
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 583 amends current law relating to donations to certain local veteran's charities ordered as a condition of community supervision.

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 16, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (h), as follows:

(f) Authorizes a judge, in lieu of requiring a defendant to work a specified number of hours at a community service project or projects under Subsection (a) (authorizing a judge to require as a condition of community supervision that the defendant work a specified number of hours at a community service project or projects for a certain organization or organizations) to order a defendant to make a specified donation to:

(1) a nonprofit food bank or food pantry in the community in which the defendant resides;

(2) a charitable organization engaged primarily in performing charitable functions for veterans in the community in which the defendant resides; or

(3) in a county with a population of less than 50,000, another nonprofit organization that:

(A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 because it is listed in Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and

(B) provides services or assistance to needy individuals and families in the community in which the defendant resides.

(h) Defines "charitable organization" and "veteran" in this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.