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## DIGEST

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HB No. 362

**Abstract:** Provides for the release of sureties of obligations under the bond for failure to mail the notice of a judgment within 60 days after the defendant's initial failure to appear.

Present law provides that after entering the fact of the signing of the judgment of bond forfeiture in the court minutes, the clerk of court shall promptly mail notice of the signing of the judgment of bond forfeiture to the defendant, the personal surety, the agent, or bondsman who posted the bond for the commercial surety, and the commercial surety.

Present law provides that failure to mail notice of the signing of the judgment within 60 days after the defendant fails to appear shall release the sureties of all obligations under the bond.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that failure to mail notice of the signing of the judgment within 60 days after the defendant's initial failure to appear shall release the sureties of all obligations under the bond.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 349.3(C))