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STATE REP. JIM JACKSON FILES H.B. 1228 THE PROPERTY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS ACT

AUSTIN--State Representative Jim Jackson (R-Carrollton) has filed H.B. 1228, the Property Crime Victims' Rights Act, to expand the definition of a crime victim under Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure to include victims of property crimes. Presently, a crime victim is limited to victims of sexual assault, kidnapping or aggravated robbery, and children of elderly who have suffered bodily injury or death as a result of criminal conduct.

Jackson stated, "Currently, in Texas, property crime victims have few rights." "I and many others believe victims of property crimes should also be empowered to seek justice," said Rep. Jackson.

If passed by the legislature and approved by the Governor, H.B. 1228 would not extend the same rights as victims of violent crimes, but would extend some of those rights, such as the right to be notified of court proceedings, the right to attend court proceedings, and the right to consult with the prosecutor on an appropriate sentence. Property crimes include arson, criminal mischief, robbery, burglary and criminal trespass, theft, fraud, computer crimes, telecommunications crimes, money laundering, insurance fraud, and Medicaid fraud.

You may share your views on this or any other state issue, please contact State Representative Jim Jackson at the Capitol: Phone: 512-463-0468, Address: P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910. In the District: Phone: 972-416-7698, Address: 1120 Metrocrest Drive #107, Carrollton, Texas 75006.