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## LIMIT ASSIGNMENT OF APPELLATE COUNSEL

**House Bill 4625**

**Sponsor: Rep. Judson Gilbert II**

**Committee: Criminal Law and Corrections**

**Complete to 9-14-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4625 AS INTRODUCED 5-4-99**

The bill would amend Chapter X (New Trials, Writs of Error and Bills of Exception) of the Code of Criminal Procedure to limit the appointment of appellate counsel for review of a defendant's conviction or sentence where the defendant had pleaded either guilty or nolo contendere (no contest). However, a trial court could appoint appellate counsel for a defendant who had pleaded guilty or nolo contendere if appeal had been made by the prosecuting attorney or if the defendant's sentence was in excess of the upper limit of the recommended minimum sentence range of the applicable sentencing guidelines.

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