

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the El Paso County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, ~~or~~ the Bexar County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers for the district.

SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace officers:

(1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

- 1 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
2 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
3 Safety;
- 4 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
5 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- 6 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
7 Beverage Commission;
- 8 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
9 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;
- 10 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
11 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- 12 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
13 Commission;
- 14 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
15 Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- 16 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
17 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport
18 that serves commercial air carriers;
- 19 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
20 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
21 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
22 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- 23 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
24 security officers;
- 25 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
26 as peace officers by the comptroller;
- 27 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and

- 1 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
- 2 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
3 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
- 4 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
5 Board;
- 6 (18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of
7 the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital
8 District, ~~or~~ the Bexar County Hospital District, or the El Paso
9 County Hospital District under Section 281.057, Health and Safety
10 Code;
- 11 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
12 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
- 13 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
14 Commission;
- 15 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
16 Occupations Code;
- 17 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
18 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
19 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
20 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
- 21 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
22 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
- 23 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
24 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;
- 25 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State
26 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;
- 27 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under

1 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

2 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
3 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

4 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
5 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

6 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
7 commissioned by the Texas Youth Commission as officers under
8 Sections 61.0451 and 61.0931, Human Resources Code;

9 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
10 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
11 Government Code;

12 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on
13 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section
14 1701.160, Occupations Code;

15 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
16 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),
17 Occupations Code;

18 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or
19 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
20 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

21 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
22 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
23 to the limitations imposed by that section;

24 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
25 Probation Commission as officers under Section 141.055, Human
26 Resources Code; and

27 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,

1 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
2 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 601 passed the Senate on
April 20, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 601 passed the House on
May 20, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, one
present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor