

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 1550
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 April 15, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to airport police forces, including the authority to
 1-18 commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of
 1-19 those officers.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
 1-24 officers:

1-25 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve
 1-26 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
 1-27 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-28 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve
 1-29 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
 1-30 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-31 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
 1-32 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
 1-33 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
 1-34 1701, Occupations Code;

1-35 (4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve
 1-36 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the
 1-37 Director of the Department of Public Safety;

1-38 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
 1-39 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

1-40 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
 1-41 Beverage Commission;

1-42 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
 1-43 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

1-44 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
 1-45 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

1-46 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
 1-47 Commission;

1-48 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
 1-49 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-50 (11) ~~[airport police]~~ officers commissioned under
 1-51 ~~Chapter 23, Transportation Code [by a city with a population of more~~
 1-52 ~~than 1.18 million located primarily in a county with a population of~~
 1-53 ~~2 million or more that operates an airport that serves commercial~~
 1-54 ~~air carriers];~~

1-55 (12) ~~[airport security personnel commissioned as~~
 1-56 ~~peace officers by the governing body of any political subdivision~~
 1-57 ~~of this state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that~~
 1-58 ~~operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;~~

1-59 ~~[(13)]~~ municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
 1-60 security officers;

1-61 (13) ~~[(14)]~~ security officers and investigators

2-1 commissioned as peace officers by the comptroller;
 2-2 (14) [~~(15)~~] officers commissioned by a water control
 2-3 and improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
 2-4 (15) [~~(16)~~] officers commissioned by a board of
 2-5 trustees under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
 2-6 (16) [~~(17)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas
 2-7 Medical Board;
 2-8 (17) [~~(18)~~] officers commissioned by:
 2-9 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
 2-10 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
 2-11 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
 2-12 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
 2-13 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
 2-14 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
 2-15 Laws Code;
 2-16 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
 2-17 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
 2-18 Special District Local Laws Code; and
 2-19 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock
 2-20 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section
 2-21 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;
 2-22 (18) [~~(19)~~] county park rangers commissioned under
 2-23 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
 2-24 (19) [~~(20)~~] investigators employed by the Texas
 2-25 Racing Commission;
 2-26 (20) [~~(21)~~] officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
 2-27 Occupations Code;
 2-28 (21) [~~(22)~~] officers commissioned by the governing
 2-29 body of a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section
 2-30 451.108, Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation
 2-31 authority under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
 2-32 (22) [~~(23)~~] investigators commissioned by the
 2-33 attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
 2-34 (23) [~~(24)~~] security officers and investigators
 2-35 commissioned as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;
 2-36 (24) [~~(25)~~] officers appointed by an appellate court
 2-37 under Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
 2-38 (25) [~~(26)~~] officers commissioned by the state fire
 2-39 marshal under Chapter 417, Government Code;
 2-40 (26) [~~(27)~~] an investigator commissioned by the
 2-41 commissioner of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
 2-42 (27) [~~(28)~~] apprehension specialists and inspectors
 2-43 general commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as
 2-44 officers under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;
 2-45 (28) [~~(29)~~] officers appointed by the inspector
 2-46 general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section
 2-47 493.019, Government Code;
 2-48 (29) [~~(30)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas
 2-49 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
 2-50 Code;
 2-51 (30) [~~(31)~~] commission investigators commissioned by
 2-52 the Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061,
 2-53 Occupations Code;
 2-54 (31) [~~(32)~~] the fire marshal and any officers,
 2-55 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by an emergency services
 2-56 district under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
 2-57 (32) [~~(33)~~] officers commissioned by the State Board
 2-58 of Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code,
 2-59 subject to the limitations imposed by that section;
 2-60 (33) [~~(34)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas
 2-61 Juvenile Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011,
 2-62 Human Resources Code; and
 2-63 (34) [~~(35)~~] the fire marshal and any related officers,
 2-64 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
 2-65 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.
 2-66 SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 23, Transportation Code,
 2-67 is amended to read as follows:
 2-68 CHAPTER 23. AIRPORT POLICE FORCES [~~SECURITY PERSONNEL~~]
 2-69 SECTION 3. Section 23.001, Transportation Code, is amended

3-1 to read as follows:

3-2 Sec. 23.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT POLICE [~~SECURITY~~
3-3 ~~FORCE; COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS~~. The governing body of a
3-4 ~~joint board, as defined by Section 22.071, or the governing body of~~
3-5 ~~a political subdivision that operates an airport served by an air~~
3-6 ~~carrier certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration [~~Civil~~~~
3-7 ~~Aeronautics Board]~~ or the United States Department of
3-8 Transportation may:
3-9 (1) establish an airport police [~~security~~] force; and
3-10 (2) commission and employ a peace officer, subject to
3-11 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, if the employee takes and files the
3-12 oath required of peace officers [~~employ airport security~~
3-13 ~~personnel~~].

3-14 SECTION 4. Sections 23.002 and 23.003, Transportation Code,
3-15 are repealed.

3-16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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