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H.B. No. 616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing education of county and district clerks  
regarding the proper selection of petit and grand juries.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.605, Texas Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.605. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) In this section,  
the word "clerk" includes a county clerk, district clerk, or county  
and district clerk.

(b) A clerk shall complete 20 hours of instruction regarding  
the performance of the clerk's duties of office before the first  
anniversary of the date the clerk assumes those duties. At least  
one (1) hour of instruction must concern the proper selection of  
petit and grand juries.

(c) After the first anniversary of the date a clerk assumes  
the duties of office, the clerk must each calendar year complete 20  
hours of continuing education courses. At least one (1) hour of  
continuing education each calendar year must concern the proper  
selection of petit and grand juries.

(d) A clerk may carry over from the current calendar year to  
the following calendar year not more than 10 hours of completed  
continuing education courses that exceed the number of hours of  
completed continuing education courses required under Subsection  
(c).

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.