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H.B. No. 2559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the persons authorized to administer an oath in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 602.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 602.002. OATH MADE IN TEXAS. An oath made in this state may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by:

(1) a judge, retired judge, or clerk of a municipal court;

(2) a judge, retired judge, senior judge, clerk, or commissioner of a court of record;

(3) a justice of the peace, a retired justice of the peace, or a clerk of a justice court;

(4) an associate judge, magistrate, master, referee, or criminal law hearing officer;

(5) a notary public;

(6) a member of a board or commission created by a law of this state, in a matter pertaining to a duty of the board or commission;

(7) a person employed by the Texas Ethics Commission who has a duty related to a report required by Title 15, Election Code, in a matter pertaining to that duty;

(8) a county tax assessor-collector or an employee of

1 the county tax assessor-collector if the oath relates to a document
2 that is required or authorized to be filed in the office of the
3 county tax assessor-collector;

4 (9) the secretary of state or a former secretary of
5 state;

6 (10) an employee of a personal bond office, or an
7 employee of a county, who is employed to obtain information
8 required to be obtained under oath if the oath is required or
9 authorized by Article 17.04 or by Article 26.04(n) or (o), Code of
10 Criminal Procedure;

11 (11) the lieutenant governor or a former lieutenant
12 governor;

13 (12) the speaker of the house of representatives or a
14 former speaker of the house of representatives;

15 (13) the governor or a former governor;

16 (14) a legislator or retired legislator;

17 (14-a) the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk
18 of the house of representatives;

19 (15) the attorney general or a former attorney
20 general;

21 (16) the secretary or clerk of a municipality in a
22 matter pertaining to the official business of the municipality;

23 (17) a peace officer described by Article 2.12, Code
24 of Criminal Procedure, if:

25 (A) the oath is administered when the officer is
26 engaged in the performance of the officer's duties; and

27 (B) the administration of the oath relates to the

1 officer's duties; or

2 (18) a county treasurer.

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