

1-1 By: Vasut (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2559  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;  
 1-3 April 24, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Jurisprudence; May 3, 2023, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 3, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the persons authorized to administer an oath in this  
 1-16 state.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 602.002, Government Code, is amended to  
 1-19 read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 602.002. OATH MADE IN TEXAS. An oath made in this  
 1-21 state may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by:

1-22 (1) a judge, retired judge, or clerk of a municipal  
 1-23 court;

1-24 (2) a judge, retired judge, senior judge, clerk, or  
 1-25 commissioner of a court of record;

1-26 (3) a justice of the peace, a retired justice of the  
 1-27 peace, or a clerk of a justice court;

1-28 (4) an associate judge, magistrate, master, referee,  
 1-29 or criminal law hearing officer;

1-30 (5) a notary public;

1-31 (6) a member of a board or commission created by a law  
 1-32 of this state, in a matter pertaining to a duty of the board or  
 1-33 commission;

1-34 (7) a person employed by the Texas Ethics Commission  
 1-35 who has a duty related to a report required by Title 15, Election  
 1-36 Code, in a matter pertaining to that duty;

1-37 (8) a county tax assessor-collector or an employee of  
 1-38 the county tax assessor-collector if the oath relates to a document  
 1-39 that is required or authorized to be filed in the office of the  
 1-40 county tax assessor-collector;

1-41 (9) the secretary of state or a former secretary of  
 1-42 state;

1-43 (10) an employee of a personal bond office, or an  
 1-44 employee of a county, who is employed to obtain information  
 1-45 required to be obtained under oath if the oath is required or  
 1-46 authorized by Article 17.04 or by Article 26.04(n) or (o), Code of  
 1-47 Criminal Procedure;

1-48 (11) the lieutenant governor or a former lieutenant  
 1-49 governor;

1-50 (12) the speaker of the house of representatives or a  
 1-51 former speaker of the house of representatives;

1-52 (13) the governor or a former governor;

1-53 (14) a legislator or retired legislator;

1-54 (14-a) the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk  
 1-55 of the house of representatives;

1-56 (15) the attorney general or a former attorney  
 1-57 general;

1-58 (16) the secretary or clerk of a municipality in a  
 1-59 matter pertaining to the official business of the municipality;

1-60 (17) a peace officer described by Article 2.12, Code  
 1-61 of Criminal Procedure, if:

2-1 (A) the oath is administered when the officer is  
2-2 engaged in the performance of the officer's duties; and

2-3 (B) the administration of the oath relates to the  
2-4 officer's duties; or

2-5 (18) a county treasurer.

2-6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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