

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county to commission certain individuals as peace officers and establish certain law enforcement agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 352.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 352.024. AUTHORITY TO COMMISSION CERTAIN FIRE PROTECTION OFFICERS AS PEACE OFFICERS. (a) A county may commission a fire marshal, fire officer, fire inspector, or fire investigator as a peace officer.

(b) A peace officer commissioned under this section may:

(1) administer this chapter;

(2) support fire-related operations or investigations;

(3) enforce building-related codes, including codes involving hazardous materials; and

(4) make recommendations involving building safety.

SECTION 2. Chapter 362, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 362.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 362.006. ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. A county may establish a law enforcement agency only if authorized by the constitution or other law.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2143 passed the Senate on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2143 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 105, Nays 39, three present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor