

Amend **CSHB 7** in ARTICLE 10 by adding the following SECTION and renumbering the other SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 10.____. Chapter 301, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. COMPELLING ATTENDANCE
OF ABSENT LEGISLATOR

Sec. 301.071. AUTHORITY OF PEACE OFFICERS. (a) In this section, "peace officer" means an individual who is elected, appointed, or employed to serve as a peace officer for a governmental entity and who is identified as a peace officer in Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law.

(b) A peace officer may arrest a member of either house of the legislature and bring the member under the peace officer's custody to the hall of that house in the Capitol building in Austin at the direction of the presiding officer, sergeant-at-arms, or other authorized officer of that house, if the arrest is authorized by a warrant or other process issued by the applicable house in accordance with Section 10, Article III, Texas Constitution, or the rules of the applicable house.

(c) At the request of the presiding officer of either house of the legislature, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall make peace officers employed by the department available to carry out the authority provided by this section on behalf of that house.

(d) The authority provided by this section is in addition to the other powers and duties of a peace officer provided by law.

(e) In carrying out the authority provided by this section, a peace officer:

(1) is considered to be exercising discretionary duties within the scope of the peace officer's authority for which the peace officer has the official immunity provided by law while exercising a discretionary duty; and

(2) has the immunity that an officer of the house of the legislature would have in carrying out the same authority, in addition to the immunity provided by law to a peace officer in the exercise of discretionary duties of a peace officer.