

1-1 By: Madla S.B. No. 527
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 527 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of security forces in certain
1-11 metropolitan rapid transit authorities.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 451.108, Transportation Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 451.108. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) An authority may
1-16 commission and employ peace officers.

1-17 (b) An authority created before 1980 in which the principal
1-18 municipality has a population of less than 1.2 million may
1-19 establish a security force, employ security personnel, and
1-20 commission security personnel as peace officers.

1-21 (c) A peace officer commissioned under this section, except
1-22 as provided by Subsections (d) and (e) [~~Subsection (e)~~], may:

1-23 (1) make an arrest in any county in which the transit
1-24 authority system is located as necessary to prevent or abate the
1-25 commission of an offense against the law of this state or a
1-26 political subdivision of this state if the offense or threatened
1-27 offense occurs on or involves the transit authority system;

1-28 (2) make an arrest for an offense involving injury or
1-29 detriment to the transit authority system;

1-30 (3) enforce traffic laws and investigate traffic
1-31 accidents that involve or occur in the transit authority system;
1-32 and

1-33 (4) provide emergency and public safety services to
1-34 the transit authority system or users of the transit authority
1-35 system.

1-36 (d) [~~(e)~~] A peace officer who holds a commission under this
1-37 section from an authority in which the principal municipality has a
1-38 population of more than 1.5 million and who has filed with the
1-39 authority the oath of a peace officer has all the powers,
1-40 privileges, and immunities of peace officers in the counties in
1-41 which the transit authority system is located, provides services,
1-42 or is supported by a general sales and use tax.

1-43 (e) A peace officer who holds a commission under this
1-44 section from an authority created before 1980 in which the
1-45 principal municipality has a population of less than 1.2 million
1-46 and who has filed with the authority the oath of a peace officer has
1-47 all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers in the
1-48 counties in which the transit authority system is located, provides
1-49 services, or is supported by a general sales and use tax while the
1-50 peace officer is on the transit authority system property or
1-51 performing duties in connection with the transit authority system
1-52 or its users.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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