

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enforcement of veteran's employment preferences.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 657, Government Code, is amended by designating Sections 657.001 through 657.009 as Subchapter A and adding a heading for Subchapter A to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 2. Chapter 657, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 657.051. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; HEARING. (a) If a public official fails to comply with a provision of this chapter, a district court in the district in which the individual is a public official may require the public official to comply with the provision on the filing of a motion, petition, or other appropriate pleading by an individual entitled to a benefit under the provision.

(b) The court shall order a speedy hearing and shall advance the hearing on the calendar.

Sec. 657.052. ENFORCEMENT BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY ATTORNEY. On application to the district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney of the appropriate county by an individual who the attorney reasonably believes is entitled to the benefit of a provision of this chapter, the district attorney,

1 criminal district attorney, or county attorney shall:

2 (1) appear and act as attorney for the individual in an
3 amicable adjustment of the claim; or

4 (2) file or prosecute a motion, petition, or other
5 appropriate pleading to specifically require compliance with the
6 provision.

7 Sec. 657.053. COURT COSTS AND FEES. A person applying for a
8 preference under this chapter may not be charged court costs or fees
9 for a claim, motion, petition, or other pleading filed under
10 Section 657.051.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.