

Amend CSHB 1588 (House Committee Report) as follows:

(1) Strike page 1, line 5, through page 2, line 9, and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Section 86.0021(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person is not eligible to serve as constable unless:

(1) the person:

(A) [~~(1)~~] has at least an associate's degree conferred by an institution of higher education accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate]; [and]

(B) is a special investigator under Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(C) is an honorably retired peace officer or honorably retired federal criminal investigator who holds a certificate of proficiency issued under Section 1701.357, Occupations Code; and

(2) the person is eligible to be licensed under Sections 1701.309 and 1701.312, Occupations Code.

(2) On page 2 strike lines 10 and 11 and substitute the following:

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.3545 to read as follows:

(3) On page 2, line 12, strike "96.642" and substitute "1701.3545".

(4) On page 2, lines 13 and 14, strike "The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas" and substitute "A public institution of higher education selected by the commission".

(5) On page 2, line 17, strike "institute" and substitute "institution selected under this subsection".

(6) On page 2, line 19, strike "Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education" and substitute "commission".

(7) On page 2, line 21, strike "institute" and substitute "selected institution".

(8) On page 3, lines 4 and 5, strike "Chapter 1701,

Occupations Code" and substitute "this chapter".

(9) On page 3, line 10, strike "institute" and substitute "institution selected under Subsection (a)".

(10) On page 3, lines 20 and 21, strike "Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code" and substitute "this subchapter".

(11) On page 3, lines 22 and 23, strike "Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education" and substitute "commission".

(12) On page 5, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute the following:

SECTION 4. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, the public institution of higher education selected by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section 1701.3545, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, shall establish the initial training and education programs required by that section.

(13) On page 5, line 5, strike "96.642(c), Education" and substitute "1701.3545(c), Occupations".