By: Eissler H.B. No. 602

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT   |
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| 2 | relating to the designation of a weight enforcement officer by a |
| 3 | commissioners court.   |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:          |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Section 621.401, Transportation Code, is amended      |
| 6 | to read as follows:  |
| 7 | Sec. 621.401. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "weight            |
| 8 | enforcement officer" means:                                      |
| 9 | (1) a license and weight inspector of the Department             |

- 11 (2) a highway patrol officer;
- 12 (3) a sheriff or sheriff's deputy;
- 13 (4) a municipal police officer in a municipality with
- 14 a population of:

of Public Safety;

- 15 (A) 100,000 or more; or
- 16 (B) 74,000 or more in a county with a population
- of more than 1.5 million; [or]
- 18 (5) a police officer certified under Section 644.101;
- 19 <u>or</u>

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- 20 (6) a constable or deputy constable designated under
- 21 Section 621.4015.
- SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 621, Transportation Code,
- is amended by adding Section 621.4015 to read as follows:
- Sec. 621.4015. DESIGNATION BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. A

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- 1 county commissioners court may designate a constable or deputy
- 2 constable of the county as a weight enforcement officer.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 7 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.