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S.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuing education requirements for constables.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1701.3545(b) and (d), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Each constable must complete at least 40 hours of continuing education provided by the selected institution under this section each 48-month period. The commission by rule shall establish a uniform 48-month continuing education training period.

(d) A newly appointed or elected constable shall complete the initial training program for new constables not later than the second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as constable. The initial training program for new constables is in addition to the initial training required by this chapter. The commission by rule shall establish that the first continuing education training period for an individual under Subsection (b) begins on the first day of the first uniform continuing education training period that follows ~~[The first 48-month period under Subsection (b) begins, for an individual who completes the initial training program for new constables under this section, on the first anniversary of]~~ the date the individual completed the initial training program.

SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education by rule shall provide an orderly transition

1 for constables to a uniform continuing education training period
2 under Section 1701.3545, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

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, 2007.