

Amend CSHB 300 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. COUNTY TRAFFIC OFFICERS

SECTION _____.01. Section 701.006, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 701.006. [~~COMPLAINT,~~ ~~HEARING,~~] DISMISSAL.

~~[(a) If a county traffic officer fails to perform the officer's duty to enforce the law, the district engineer of the Texas Department of Transportation district in which the officer operates may send a written, signed complaint to the commissioners court.~~

~~[(b) On receipt of the complaint, the commissioners court shall hold a hearing and summon the officer to appear before it.~~

~~[(c) If the commissioners court determines at the hearing that the officer has not performed the officer's duty, the commissioners court shall immediately discharge the officer and promptly employ another officer.~~

~~[(d)]~~ The commissioners court on its own initiative, or on recommendation of the sheriff, may dismiss a county traffic officer if the officer is no longer needed or if the officer's service is unsatisfactory.

SECTION _____.02. Section 701.002(b), Transportation Code, is repealed.