

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1212
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2009; March 13, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and
1-4 Homeland Security; April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to
1-9 special agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United
1-10 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Article 2.122, Code of Criminal
1-13 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The following named criminal investigators of the
1-15 United States shall not be deemed peace officers, but shall have the
1-16 powers of arrest, search and seizure as to felony offenses only
1-17 under the laws of the State of Texas:

1-18 (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
1-19 Investigation;

1-20 (2) Special Agents of the United States Secret
1-21 Service;

1-22 (3) Special Agents of the United States Immigration
1-23 and Customs Enforcement agency [~~Customs Service~~];

1-24 (4) Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
1-25 [and] Firearms and Explosives;

1-26 (5) Special Agents of the United States [~~Federal~~] Drug
1-27 Enforcement Administration [~~Agency~~];

1-28 (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection
1-29 Service;

1-30 (7) Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation
1-31 Division and Inspectors of the Internal Security Division of the
1-32 Internal Revenue Service;

1-33 (8) Civilian Special Agents of the United States Naval
1-34 Criminal Investigative Service;

1-35 (9) Marshals and Deputy Marshals of the United States
1-36 Marshals Service;

1-37 (10) [~~Special Agents of the United States Immigration~~
1-38 ~~and Naturalization Service, and~~

1-39 [~~(11)~~] Special Agents of the United States Department
1-40 of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; and

1-41 (11) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General
1-42 of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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