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H.B. No. 1241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to surety bond requirements for reserve deputy constables.

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

SECTION 1. Section 86.012, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a [A] reserve deputy constable must take the official oath and must execute a bond in the amount of \$2,000, payable to the constable. The oath and bond must be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the appointment is made. The oath and bond must be given before the reserve deputy constable's entry on duty and simultaneously with the officer's appointment.

(c-1) If a constable appoints more than one reserve deputy constable, the constable may execute a blanket surety bond to cover the reserve deputy constables. Instead of a reserve deputy constable executing an individual bond under Subsection (c) or the constable executing a blanket surety bond, the county may self-insure against losses that would have been covered by the bond.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.