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H.B. No. 3815

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of the Ector County Hospital District to
3 employ and commission peace officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1024, Special District
6 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1024.117 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1024.117. EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS. (a)
9 The board may employ and commission peace officers for the
10 district.

11 (b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under
12 this section includes the property owned or controlled by the
13 district.

14 (c) In a district peace officer's jurisdiction, the peace
15 officer has the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal
16 Procedure.

17 SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
20 officers:

21 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve
22 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
23 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

24 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve

1 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
2 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

3 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
4 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
5 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
6 1701, Occupations Code;

7 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
8 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
9 Safety;

10 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
11 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

12 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
13 Beverage Commission;

14 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
15 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

16 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
17 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

18 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
19 Commission;

20 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
21 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

22 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
23 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport
24 that serves commercial air carriers;

25 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
26 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
27 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that

1 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

2 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
3 security officers;

4 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
5 as peace officers by the comptroller;

6 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and
7 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

8 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
9 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

10 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
11 Board;

12 (18) officers commissioned by:

13 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
14 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, or the
15 Bexar County Hospital District under Section 281.057, Health and
16 Safety Code; and

17 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
18 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
19 Laws Code;

20 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
21 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

22 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
23 Commission;

24 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
25 Occupations Code;

26 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
27 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,

1 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
2 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

3 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
4 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

5 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
6 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

7 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State
8 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;

9 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under
10 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

11 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
12 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

13 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
14 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

15 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
16 commissioned by the Texas Youth Commission as officers under
17 Sections 61.0451 and 61.0931, Human Resources Code;

18 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
19 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
20 Government Code;

21 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on
22 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section
23 1701.160, Occupations Code;

24 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
25 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),
26 Occupations Code;

27 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or

1 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
2 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

3 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
4 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
5 to the limitations imposed by that section;

6 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
7 Probation Commission as officers under Section 141.055, Human
8 Resources Code; and

9 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,
10 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
11 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.