

1-1 By: Lewis (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 3815  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;  
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 21, 2011, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the authority of the Ector County Hospital District to  
1-9 employ and commission peace officers.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1024, Special District  
1-12 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1024.117 to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 1024.117. EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS. (a)  
1-15 The board may employ and commission peace officers for the  
1-16 district.

1-17 (b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under  
1-18 this section includes the property owned or controlled by the  
1-19 district.

1-20 (c) In a district peace officer's jurisdiction, the peace  
1-21 officer has the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal  
1-22 Procedure.

1-23 SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace  
1-26 officers:

1-27 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve  
1-28 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under  
1-29 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-30 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve  
1-31 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
1-32 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-33 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
1-34 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
1-35 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
1-36 1701, Occupations Code;

1-37 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public  
1-38 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public  
1-39 Safety;

1-40 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
1-41 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

1-42 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
1-43 Beverage Commission;

1-44 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit  
1-45 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

1-46 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,  
1-47 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

1-48 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
1-49 Commission;

1-50 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
1-51 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-52 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city  
1-53 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport  
1-54 that serves commercial air carriers;

1-55 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace  
1-56 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this  
1-57 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that  
1-58 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

1-59 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
1-60 security officers;

1-61 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned  
1-62 as peace officers by the comptroller;

1-63 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and  
1-64 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

2-1 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees  
 2-2 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;  
 2-3 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical  
 2-4 Board;  
 2-5 (18) officers commissioned by:  
 2-6 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
 2-7 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, or the  
 2-8 Bexar County Hospital District under Section 281.057, Health and  
 2-9 Safety Code; and  
 2-10 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
 2-11 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local  
 2-12 Laws Code;  
 2-13 (19) county park rangers commissioned under  
 2-14 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;  
 2-15 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
 2-16 Commission;  
 2-17 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,  
 2-18 Occupations Code;  
 2-19 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a  
 2-20 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,  
 2-21 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority  
 2-22 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;  
 2-23 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney  
 2-24 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;  
 2-25 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned  
 2-26 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;  
 2-27 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State  
 2-28 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;  
 2-29 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under  
 2-30 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;  
 2-31 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal  
 2-32 under Chapter 417, Government Code;  
 2-33 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
 2-34 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;  
 2-35 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general  
 2-36 commissioned by the Texas Youth Commission as officers under  
 2-37 Sections 61.0451 and 61.0931, Human Resources Code;  
 2-38 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of  
 2-39 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
 2-40 Government Code;  
 2-41 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on  
 2-42 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section  
 2-43 1701.160, Occupations Code;  
 2-44 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the  
 2-45 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),  
 2-46 Occupations Code;  
 2-47 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
 2-48 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
 2-49 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;  
 2-50 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
 2-51 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
 2-52 to the limitations imposed by that section;  
 2-53 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile  
 2-54 Probation Commission as officers under Section 141.055, Human  
 2-55 Resources Code; and  
 2-56 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,  
 2-57 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
 2-58 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.  
 2-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 2-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 2-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 2-62 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 2-63 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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