

1-1 By: Rodriguez S.B. No. 601
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2011;
1-3 February 17, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; April 11, 2011, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 11, 2011, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the authority of the El Paso County Hospital District to
1-10 employ and commission peace officers.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 281.057, Health and
1-13 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The board of the Dallas County Hospital District, the
1-15 Tarrant County Hospital District, ~~or~~ the Bexar County Hospital
1-16 District, or the El Paso County Hospital District may employ and
1-17 commission peace officers for the district.

1-18 SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-19 amended to read as follows:

1-20 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
1-21 officers:

1-22 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve
1-23 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
1-24 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-25 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve
1-26 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
1-27 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-28 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
1-29 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
1-30 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
1-31 1701, Occupations Code;

1-32 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
1-33 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
1-34 Safety;

1-35 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
1-36 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

1-37 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
1-38 Beverage Commission;

1-39 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
1-40 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

1-41 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
1-42 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

1-43 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
1-44 Commission;

1-45 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
1-46 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-47 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
1-48 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport
1-49 that serves commercial air carriers;

1-50 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
1-51 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
1-52 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
1-53 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

1-54 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
1-55 security officers;

1-56 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
1-57 as peace officers by the comptroller;

1-58 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and
1-59 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

1-60 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
1-61 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

1-62 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
1-63 Board;

1-64 (18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of

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

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