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H.B. No. 1847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to continuing legal education in ethics or professional  
3 responsibility for prosecutors.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 81.113, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) Of the state bar's minimum continuing legal education  
8 requirements on legal ethics or professional responsibility for a  
9 reporting year, each county attorney or district attorney that  
10 represents this state in criminal cases must complete at least one  
11 hour on ethics related to the attorney's duties as a prosecutor,  
12 including prosecutorial misconduct.

13 (e) A county attorney or district attorney must complete the  
14 continuing legal education required under Subsection (d) not later  
15 than the 180th day after the date the person initially assumes the  
16 person's duties as county attorney or district attorney.

17 SECTION 2. A person serving as a county attorney or district  
18 attorney on the effective date of this Act that is subject to  
19 Section 81.113(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, must  
20 comply with the continuing legal education requirements of that  
21 section not later than March 1, 2014.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.