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H.B. No. 3314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to instruction and continuing education requirements for
3 certain court clerks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 51.605(b) and (c), Government Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A clerk shall complete 20 hours of instruction regarding
8 the performance of the clerk's duties of office before the first
9 anniversary of the date the clerk assumes those duties [~~during each~~
10 ~~calendar year that begins after the clerk's election or appointment~~
11 ~~to office~~].

12 (c) After the first anniversary of the date a clerk assumes
13 the duties of office, the [A] clerk must each calendar year
14 complete 20 hours of continuing education courses. [~~A clerk must,~~
15 ~~during the first year of each term of office, complete:~~

16 [~~(1) at least one hour of continuing education courses~~
17 ~~regarding registry funds handled under Chapter 117, Local~~
18 ~~Government Code, in the performance of the duties of office, and~~

19 [~~(2) at least one hour of continuing education courses~~
20 ~~regarding fraudulent court documents and fraudulent document~~
21 ~~filings.~~]

22 SECTION 2. Section 51.605(b), Government Code, as amended
23 by this Act, applies to a court clerk who assumes the duties of
24 office on or after the effective date of this Act. A court clerk who

1 assumes the duties of office before that date is governed by the law
2 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
3 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.