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H.B. No. 3314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 51.605(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a court clerk who assumes the duties of 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.