By: Kuempel (Senate Sponsor - Taylor) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013; April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 20, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, 1 present not voting; May 20, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 1-8 Absent PNV Yea Nay 1-9 West Х 1-10 1-11 Rodriguez Х Х Campbell 1-12 Χ Carona 1-13 Garcia Х 1-14 Hancock Χ 1-15 Paxton Х

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-18 relating to instruction and continuing education requirements for 1-19 certain court clerks. 1-20

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

1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 51.605(b) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-22 1-23 (b) A clerk shall complete 20 hours of instruction regarding the performance of the clerk's duties of office before the first 1-24 1-25 anniversary of the date the clerk assumes those duties [during each 1-26 calendar year that begins after the clerk's election or appointment 1-27 1-28 to office].

(c) After the first anniversary of the date a clerk assumes duties of office, the [A] clerk must each <u>calendar</u> year 1-29 the 1-30 complete 20 hours of continuing education courses. [A clerk must, 1-31 during the first year of each term of office, complete:

[(1) at least one hour of continuing education courses 1-32 1-33 registry funds handled under Chapter 117, Local regarding Code, in the performance of the duties of office; and 1-34 Government

[(2) at least one hour of continuing education courses 1-35 1-36 fraudulent court documents and fraudulent document regarding 1-37 filings.]

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 51.605(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a court clerk who assumes the duties of 1-39 office on or after the effective date of this Act. A court clerk who 1-40 1-41 assumes the duties of office before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose. 1-42 1-43

1 - 44SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-46 1-47 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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