

AN ACT

relating to compensation and leave for certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 402.009, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402.009. AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY AND COMMISSION PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The attorney general may employ and commission peace officers as investigators for the limited purpose of assisting the attorney general in carrying out the duties of that office relating to prosecution assistance and crime prevention.

(b) The attorney general shall ensure that a commissioned peace officer employed as authorized under Subsection (a) is compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "State employee" means an individual who:

(A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, ~~[or]~~ the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, or the attorney general;

(B) is a commissioned security officer of the comptroller;

(C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by

1 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

2 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an  
3 institution of higher education;

4 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of  
5 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department  
6 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct  
7 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or  
8 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's  
9 jurisdiction;

10 (F) has been certified to the Employees  
11 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun  
12 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,  
13 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having  
14 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial  
15 officer; or

16 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty  
17 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a  
18 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay.

19 SECTION 3. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) This section applies to a peace officer under Article  
22 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law  
23 enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

24 (1) the Public Safety Commission and the director of  
25 the Department of Public Safety;

26 (2) the Parks and Wildlife Commission; [~~or~~]

27 (3) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; or

1           (4) the attorney general.

2           SECTION 4. (a) The classification officer in the office of  
3 the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace  
4 officer employed as an investigator by the Office of the Attorney  
5 General as a Schedule C position under the Texas Position  
6 Classification Plan, 1961.

7           (b) The change made by the classification officer as  
8 required by this section applies beginning in the state fiscal  
9 biennium beginning September 1, 2015.

10          (c) This section expires September 1, 2017.

11          SECTION 5. Section [661.918\(a\)](#), Government Code, as amended  
12 by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the  
13 effective date of this Act.

14          SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2037 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 25, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2037 on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2037 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor