

1 AN ACT

2 relating to surety bond requirements for reserve deputy sheriffs.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 85.004, Local Government Code, is
5 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a [A] reserve
8 deputy, before beginning to perform the duties of office and at the
9 time of appointment, must file an oath and execute and file a bond
10 in the amount of \$2,000 payable to the sheriff. The oath and bond
11 shall be filed with the county clerk.

12 (c-1) If a sheriff appoints more than one reserve deputy
13 sheriff, the sheriff may execute a blanket surety bond to cover the
14 reserve deputy sheriffs. Instead of a reserve deputy sheriff
15 executing an individual bond under Subsection (c) or the sheriff
16 executing a blanket surety bond, the county may self-insure against
17 losses that would have been covered by the bond.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2272 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2272 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor