

AN ACT

relating to the administrative attachment of the Texas Forensic Science Commission to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9, Article 38.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT TO OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION [~~SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY~~]. (a) The commission is administratively attached to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System [~~Sam Houston State University~~].

(b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System [~~Board of Regents of the Texas State University System~~] shall provide administrative support to the commission as necessary to enable the commission to carry out the purposes of this article.

(c) Only the commission may exercise the duties of the commission under this article. Except as provided by Subsection (b), the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System does not have [~~neither the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System nor Sam Houston State University has~~] any authority or responsibility with respect to the duties of the commission under this article.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date

1 of this Act, Sam Houston State University and the Office of Court  
2 Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall adopt a  
3 memorandum of understanding to provide for the transfer of the  
4 administrative attachment of the Texas Forensic Science Commission  
5 to the office, including any necessary transfer of employees,  
6 records, equipment, and supplies. The memorandum of understanding  
7 must provide for the transfer to be completed not later than  
8 December 1, 2017.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1124 passed the Senate on March 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1124 passed the House on May 21, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor