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By:  Creighton S.B. No. 2320

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing county commissioners who hold a license to carry a handgun to carry the handgun on the premises of a government court or an office utilized by a court and the form of the handgun licenses issued to county commissioners.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 411.179(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  In adopting the form of the license under Subsection (a), the department shall establish a procedure for the license of a qualified handgun instructor or of the attorney general or a judge, justice, United States attorney, assistant United States attorney, assistant attorney general, prosecuting attorney, [~~or~~] assistant prosecuting attorney, or county commissioner, as described by Section 46.15(a)(4), (6), or (7) or (h), Penal Code, to indicate on the license the license holder's status as a qualified handgun instructor or as the attorney general or a judge, justice, United States attorney, assistant United States attorney, assistant attorney general, district attorney, criminal district attorney, [~~or~~] county attorney, or county commissioner. In establishing the procedure, the department shall require sufficient documentary evidence to establish the license holder's status under this subsection.

SECTION 2.  Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h)  Section 46.03(a)(3) does not apply to a county commissioner who:

(1)  carries a handgun; and

(2)  is licensed to carry the handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

SECTION 3.  Section 411.179(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an applicant for an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act, who submits the application on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4.  Section 46.15, Penal Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.