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S.B. No. 1571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to
3 special agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United
4 States Department of Homeland Security.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article [2.122\(a\)](#), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The following named criminal investigators of the
9 United States shall not be deemed peace officers, but shall have the
10 powers of arrest, search, and seizure under the laws of this state
11 as to felony offenses only:

12 (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
13 Investigation;

14 (2) Special Agents of the Secret Service;

15 (3) Special Agents of the United States Immigration
16 and Customs Enforcement;

17 (4) Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
18 Firearms and Explosives;

19 (5) Special Agents of the United States Drug
20 Enforcement Administration;

21 (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection
22 Service;

23 (7) Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation
24 Division of the Internal Revenue Service;

1 (8) Civilian Special Agents of the United States Naval
2 Criminal Investigative Service;

3 (9) Marshals and Deputy Marshals of the United States
4 Marshals Service;

5 (10) Special Agents of the United States Department of
6 State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security;

7 (11) Special Agents of the Treasury Inspector General
8 for Tax Administration;

9 (12) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General
10 of the United States Social Security Administration;

11 (13) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General
12 of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

13 (14) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General
14 of the United States Department of Agriculture; ~~and~~

15 (15) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General
16 of the United States Department of Homeland Security; and

17 (16) a police officer with the Office of Security and
18 Law Enforcement of the United States Department of Veterans
19 Affairs.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.