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S.B. No. 1985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to qualifications for sheriffs in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.302, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), an [An] officer, including a sheriff, elected under the Texas Constitution or a statute or appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office must obtain a license from the commission not later than [the second anniversary of] the date the officer takes office.

(a-1) An officer described in Subsection (a) must obtain a license from the commission not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer takes office if:

(1) the officer serves a county with fewer than 50,000 people; or

(2) the commissioner's court of the county served by the officer votes unanimously to waive the requirement of Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. An officer subject to Subsection (a), Section 1701.302, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, who holds office on the effective date of this Act must obtain a license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement by September 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.