

AN ACT

relating to the persons authorized to administer an oath in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 602.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 602.002. OATH MADE IN TEXAS. An oath made in this state may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by:

(1) a judge, retired judge, or clerk of a municipal court;

(2) a judge, retired judge, senior judge, clerk, or commissioner of a court of record;

(3) a justice of the peace, a retired justice of the peace, or a clerk of a justice court;

(4) an associate judge, magistrate, master, referee, or criminal law hearing officer;

(5) a notary public;

(6) a member of a board or commission created by a law of this state, in a matter pertaining to a duty of the board or commission;

(7) a person employed by the Texas Ethics Commission who has a duty related to a report required by Title 15, Election Code, in a matter pertaining to that duty;

(8) a county tax assessor-collector or an employee of

1 the county tax assessor-collector if the oath relates to a document
2 that is required or authorized to be filed in the office of the
3 county tax assessor-collector;

4 (9) the secretary of state or a former secretary of
5 state;

6 (10) an employee of a personal bond office, or an
7 employee of a county, who is employed to obtain information
8 required to be obtained under oath if the oath is required or
9 authorized by Article 17.04 or by Article 26.04(n) or (o), Code of
10 Criminal Procedure;

11 (11) the lieutenant governor or a former lieutenant
12 governor;

13 (12) the speaker of the house of representatives or a
14 former speaker of the house of representatives;

15 (13) the governor or a former governor;

16 (14) a legislator or retired legislator;

17 (14-a) the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk
18 of the house of representatives;

19 (15) the attorney general or a former attorney
20 general;

21 (16) the comptroller of public accounts or a former
22 comptroller of public accounts;

23 (17) the secretary or clerk of a municipality in a
24 matter pertaining to the official business of the municipality;

25 (18) [~~17~~] a peace officer described by Article 2.12,
26 Code of Criminal Procedure, if:

27 (A) the oath is administered when the officer is

1 engaged in the performance of the officer's duties; and

2 (B) the administration of the oath relates to the
3 officer's duties; or

4 (19) [~~(18)~~] a county treasurer.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2559 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2559 on May 23, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2559 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2559

I certify that H.B. No. 2559 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2559 on May 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor