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S.B. No. 2612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the commissioning by the General Land Office of certain Alamo complex rangers as peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace officers:

(1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;

(5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

(6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic

1 Beverage Commission;

2 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
3 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

4 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
5 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

6 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
7 Commission;

8 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
9 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

10 (11) officers commissioned under Chapter 23,
11 Transportation Code;

12 (12) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
13 security officers;

14 (13) security officers and investigators commissioned
15 as peace officers by the comptroller;

16 (14) officers commissioned by a water control and
17 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

18 (15) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
19 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

20 (16) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
21 Board;

22 (17) officers commissioned by:

23 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
24 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
25 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
26 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

27 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County

1 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
2 Laws Code;

3 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
4 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
5 Special District Local Laws Code; and

6 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock
7 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section
8 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;

9 (18) county park rangers commissioned under
10 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

11 (19) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
12 Commission;

13 (20) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
14 Occupations Code;

15 (21) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
16 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
17 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
18 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

19 (22) investigators commissioned by the attorney
20 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

21 (23) security officers and investigators commissioned
22 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

23 (24) officers appointed by an appellate court under
24 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

25 (25) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
26 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

27 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner

1 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

2 (27) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
3 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers
4 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;

5 (28) officers appointed by the inspector general of
6 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
7 Government Code;

8 (29) investigators commissioned by the Texas
9 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
10 Code;

11 (30) commission investigators commissioned by the
12 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061, Occupations
13 Code;

14 (31) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or
15 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
16 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

17 (32) officers commissioned by the State Board of
18 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
19 to the limitations imposed by that section;

20 (33) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
21 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human
22 Resources Code; ~~and~~

23 (34) the fire marshal and any related officers,
24 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
25 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code; and

26 (35) Alamo complex rangers commissioned by the General
27 Land Office under Section 31.0515, Natural Resources Code, subject

1 to the limitations imposed by that section.

2 SECTION 2. Section 31.0515, Natural Resources Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 31.0515. DUTIES RELATED TO THE ALAMO COMPLEX. (a) The
5 land office shall:

6 (1) employ staff necessary to preserve and maintain
7 the Alamo complex and contract for professional services of
8 qualified consultants; ~~and~~

9 (2) commission as a peace officer an Alamo complex
10 ranger who has been certified as qualified to be a peace officer by
11 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; and

12 (3) prepare an annual budget and work plan, including
13 preservation, future construction, and usual maintenance for the
14 Alamo complex, including buildings on the Alamo property, their
15 contents, and their grounds.

16 (b) An Alamo complex ranger commissioned as a peace officer
17 under this section has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a
18 peace officer while carrying out duties as an Alamo complex ranger
19 under this section.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.