

House Bill 2559
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

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- (1) a judge, retired judge, or clerk of a municipal court;
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- (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 the county tax assessor-collector if the oath relates to a document that is required or authorized to be filed in the office of the county tax assessor-collector;
- (9) the secretary of state or a former secretary of state;
- (10) an employee of a personal bond office, or an employee of a county, who is employed to obtain information required to be obtained under oath if the oath is required or authorized by Article 17.04 or by Article 26.04(n) or (o), Code of Criminal Procedure;
- (11) the lieutenant governor or a former lieutenant governor;
- (12) the speaker of the house of representatives or a former speaker of the house of representatives;

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- (13) the governor or a former governor;
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- (14-a) the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house of representatives;
- (15) the attorney general or a former attorney general;

- (16) the secretary or clerk of a municipality in a matter pertaining to the official business of the municipality;

- (17) a peace officer described by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, if:
 - (A) the oath is administered when the officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's duties; and
 - (B) the administration of the oath relates to the officer's duties; or
- (18) a county treasurer.

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

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 - (B) the administration of the oath relates to the officer's duties; or
- (19) [~~(18)~~] a county treasurer. [FA1(3)]

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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