

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

7           Sec. 85.025. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE  
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section:

12                   (2) "Property owners' association" has the meaning  
13 assigned by Section [202.001](#), Property Code.

16       (c) A sheriff may enter into a contract with a local  
17 government, a property owners' association, or an owner of land to  
18 provide law enforcement services in the sheriff's county:

22                   (2) to the persons residing in or visiting an area  
23 described by Subdivision (1).

prohibit or otherwise restrict the sheriff from entering into a contract under this section. The sheriff may enter into the contract and determine the terms of the contract, regardless of whether the commissioners court approves of the contract or the terms.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 86, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 86.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.026. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Local government" means a county, municipality, municipal utility district, school district, junior college district, or other political subdivision of this state.

(2) "Property owners' association" has the meaning assigned by Section 202.001, Property Code.

(b) This section applies only to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million.

(c) A constable may enter into a contract with a local government, a property owners' association, or an owner of land to provide law enforcement services in the constable's precinct:

(1) in and near the area managed or regulated by the local government or the association or the area owned by the owner; and

(2) to the persons residing in or visiting an area described by Subdivision (1).

(d) The commissioners court of a constable's county may not prohibit or otherwise restrict the constable from entering into a contract under this section. The constable may enter into the

1 contract and determine the terms of the contract, regardless of  
2 whether the commissioners court approves of the contract or the  
3 terms.

4         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
5 last day of the legislative session.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 26 was passed by the House on August 27, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 88, Nays 49, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 26 was passed by the Senate on August 27, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 5.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Governor