

1-1 By: Miles S.B. No. 434
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 21, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
1-4 April 10, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 10, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-8	Bettencourt	X		PNV
1-9	Middleton	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Gutierrez			X
1-12	Nichols			X
1-13	Paxton	X		
1-14	West	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the authority of the Harris County Hospital District to
1-18 employ and commission peace officers.
1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-20 SECTION 1. Section 281.057(a), Health and Safety Code, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:
1-22 (a) The board of the Dallas County Hospital District, the
1-23 Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar County Hospital
1-24 District, ~~or~~ the El Paso County Hospital District, or the Harris
1-25 County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers
1-26 for the district.
1-27 SECTION 2. Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-28 amended to read as follows:
1-29 Art. 2A.001. PEACE OFFICERS GENERALLY. The following are
1-30 peace officers:
1-31 (1) a sheriff, a sheriff's deputy, or a reserve deputy
1-32 sheriff who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under
1-33 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
1-34 (2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve
1-35 deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued
1-36 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
1-37 (3) a marshal or police officer of a municipality or a
1-38 reserve municipal police officer who holds a permanent peace
1-39 officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
1-40 (4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve
1-41 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the
1-42 director of the Department of Public Safety;
1-43 (5) an investigator of a district attorney's, criminal
1-44 district attorney's, or county attorney's office;
1-45 (6) a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic
1-46 Beverage Commission;
1-47 (7) a member of an arson investigating unit
1-48 commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state;
1-49 (8) an officer commissioned under Section 37.081,
1-50 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
1-51 (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities
1-52 Commission;
1-53 (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the
1-54 Parks and Wildlife Commission;
1-55 (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter 23,
1-56 Transportation Code;
1-57 (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer
1-58 or security officer;
1-59 (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned
1-60 as a peace officer by the comptroller;
1-61 (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and

2-1 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
 2-2 (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees
 2-3 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
 2-4 (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical
 2-5 Board;
 2-6 (17) an officer commissioned by:
 2-7 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
 2-8 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
 2-9 County Hospital District, ~~or~~ the El Paso County Hospital
 2-10 District, or the Harris County Hospital District under Section
 2-11 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
 2-12 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
 2-13 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
 2-14 Laws Code;
 2-15 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
 2-16 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
 2-17 Special District Local Laws Code; or
 2-18 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock
 2-19 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section
 2-20 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;
 2-21 (18) a county park ranger commissioned under
 2-22 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
 2-23 (19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing
 2-24 Commission;
 2-25 (20) an officer commissioned under Chapter 554,
 2-26 Occupations Code;
 2-27 (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of
 2-28 a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
 2-29 Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under
 2-30 Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
 2-31 (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney
 2-32 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
 2-33 (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned
 2-34 as a peace officer under Chapter 466, Government Code;
 2-35 (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under
 2-36 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
 2-37 (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal
 2-38 under Chapter 417, Government Code;
 2-39 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
 2-40 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
 2-41 (27) an apprehension specialist or inspector general
 2-42 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer
 2-43 under Section 242.102 or 243.052, Human Resources Code;
 2-44 (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of
 2-45 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
 2-46 Government Code;
 2-47 (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas
 2-48 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
 2-49 Code;
 2-50 (30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector,
 2-51 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B,
 2-52 Chapter 352, Local Government Code;
 2-53 (31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or
 2-54 investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under
 2-55 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
 2-56 (32) an officer commissioned by the State Board of
 2-57 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
 2-58 to the limitations imposed by that section; and
 2-59 (33) an investigator commissioned by the Texas
 2-60 Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 221.011,
 2-61 Human Resources Code.
 2-62 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 2-63 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 2-64 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 2-65 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 2-66 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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