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S.B. No. 1475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to annual continuing education requirements for county
3 election officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 31.127, Election Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 31.127. TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

8 SECTION 2. Section 31.127, Election Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

10 (c) A county election officer shall complete 10 hours of
11 instruction on the performance of the election officer's duties
12 before the first anniversary of the date the county election
13 officer assumes those duties.

14 (d) After the first anniversary of the date a county
15 election officer assumes the duties of office, the county election
16 officer must complete 10 hours of continuing education courses each
17 calendar year.

18 (e) If a county election officer completes continuing
19 education courses in an amount that exceeds the number of hours
20 required under Subsection (d), the county election officer may
21 carry over not more than five hours of excess completed continuing
22 education courses from one calendar year to the following calendar
23 year.

24 SECTION 3. Section 51.605, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

2 (f) As part of the 20 hours of initial instruction and of
3 continuing education courses prescribed under this section, a
4 county clerk may complete not more than 10 hours of instruction
5 required under Section 31.127, Election Code, on the duties of an
6 election officer.

7 SECTION 4. Section 6.231, Tax Code, is amended by adding
8 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

9 (b-1) As part of the 20 hours of annual continuing education
10 prescribed under this section, a county assessor-collector may
11 complete not more than 10 hours of instruction required under
12 Section 31.127, Election Code, on the duties of an election
13 officer.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.