

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the continuing education requirements for constables.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 1701.3545(b) and (d), Occupations Code,
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 (b) Each constable must complete at least 40 hours of
7 continuing education provided by the selected institution under
8 this section each 48-month period. The commission by rule shall
9 establish a uniform 48-month continuing education training period.

10 (d) A newly appointed or elected constable shall complete
11 the initial training program for new constables not later than the
12 second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as
13 constable. The initial training program for new constables is in
14 addition to the initial training required by this chapter. The
15 commission by rule shall establish that the first continuing
16 education training period for an individual under Subsection (b)
17 begins on the first day of the first uniform continuing education
18 training period that follows [~~The first 48-month period under~~
19 ~~Subsection (b) begins, for an individual who completes the initial~~
20 ~~training program for new constables under this section, on the~~
21 ~~first anniversary of~~] the date the individual completed the initial
22 training program.

23 SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
24 Standards and Education by rule shall provide an orderly transition

1 for constables to a uniform continuing education training period
2 under Section 1701.3545, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 487 was passed by the House on March 15, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 487 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Satsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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