

CHAPTER 384

H.B. No. 1248

An Act relating to the employment and commissioning of peace officers by the Dallas County Hospital District.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 266, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 4494n, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 16 to read as follows:

Sec. 16. The Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers for the Hospital District. A peace officer may make an arrest in a case in which the arrest is necessary to prevent or abate the commission of an offense against the laws of the state if the offense or threatened offense occurs on any land, easement, right-of-way, or other property owned and controlled by the Hospital District or in case of an offense involving injury or detriment to any property owned or controlled by the Hospital District.

SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace officers:

- (1) sheriffs and their deputies;
- (2) constables and deputy constables;
- (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village;
- (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;
- (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- (6) law enforcement agents of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
- (7) each member of an arson investigating unit of a city, county or the state;
- (8) any private person specially appointed to execute criminal process;
- (9) officers commissioned by the governing board of any state institution of higher education, public junior college or the Texas State Technical Institute;
- (10) officers commissioned by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission;
- (11) law enforcement officers commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this state that operates an airport served by a Civil Aeronautics Board certificated air carrier;
- (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and security officers;
- (14) security officers commissioned as peace officers by the State Treasurer; ~~and~~
- (15) officers commissioned by a water control and improvement district under Section 51.132, Water Code; [-]
- (16) ~~(15)~~ officers commissioned by a board of trustees under Chapter 341, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961 (Article 1187f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); [-]
- (17) ~~(15)~~ investigators commissioned by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners; and
- (18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of the Dallas County Hospital District under Section 16, Chapter 266, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 4494n, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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