

## CHAPTER 932

H.B. No. 2092

An Act relating to the certification of city secretaries.

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

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** In this Act:

- (1) "City secretary" has the meaning assigned by Article 1000, Revised Statutes.
- (2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

**SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.** A city secretary may be certified to practice in this state. A person shall be granted a certificate on completion of a program of instruction conducted at an institution of higher education.

**SECTION 3. INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.** A private association of city secretaries may contract with an institution of higher education to use the facilities of the institution in order to provide a program of instruction for city secretaries. The association shall develop the program with the assistance of the institution. The institution shall approve a program that meets qualifications for approval developed by the institution. The association shall conduct the program at the institution.

**SECTION 4. FUNDING.** A private association of city secretaries that establishes a program of instruction under this Act shall cover the costs of the program itself, and shall pay a reasonable fee to the institution that houses the program for the use of the institution's facilities. State funds may not be appropriated to finance this program.

**SECTION 5. CERTIFICATE; RENEWAL.** (a) A private association of city secretaries that establishes a program of instruction under this Act shall issue a certificate to each person who successfully completes the program.

(b) A certificate issued under this Act must be renewed not less than five years after the date on which the original certificate was issued. A certificate may be renewed on completion of a supplementary program of instruction conducted at the institution of higher education.

**SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** 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 23, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985