

CHAPTER 50

S.B. No. 196

AN ACT

relating to the residency and certain duties of public weighers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.252, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) An appointed county public weigher is not required to reside in the county for which the public weigher is appointed.

SECTION 2. Section 13.254, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A deputy county public weigher is not required to live in the county for which the deputy county public weigher is appointed.

SECTION 3. Section 13.257, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.257. RECORDING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. *(a) On each certificate of weight or measure that a public weigher or deputy public weigher issues, the public weigher or deputy public weigher shall include the:*

- (1) time and date that the weight or measurement was taken;*
- (2) signature and license number of the public weigher or deputy public weigher; and*
- (3) seal of the department.*

(b) A public weigher shall retain in a well-bound book a copy of each certificate [all certificates of weight or measure that the public weigher or the weigher's deputy issues]. The department and members of the general public may inspect the record on request.

SECTION 4. (a) The certificate requirements imposed by Section 13.257, Agriculture Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a certificate issued on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A certificate issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by Section 13.257, Agriculture Code, as it existed before amendment by this Act, and that law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 6. 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.

Passed the Senate on March 4, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; the Senate concurred in House amendment on April 20, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on April 15, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 29, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.