

CHAPTER 503

H.B. No. 279

AN ACT

relating to granting limited law enforcement authority to special agents and law enforcement officers of the United States Forest Service.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.121, Code of Criminal Procedure, as codified and amended by Section 1, Chapter 543, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, is renumbered and amended to read as follows:

Art. ~~2.122~~ [2.121]. SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS. The following named criminal investigators of the United States shall not be deemed peace officers, but shall have the powers of arrest, search and seizure as to felony offenses only under the laws of the State of Texas:

- (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

- (2) Special Agents of the Secret Service;
- (3) Special Agents of United States Customs, excluding border patrolmen and custom inspectors;
- (4) Special Agents of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms;
- (5) Special Agents of Federal Drug Enforcement Agency; [~~and~~]
- (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal Service; *and*
- (7) *Special Agents and Law Enforcement Officers of the United States Forest Service.*

SECTION 2. 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 29, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.