

CHAPTER 345

H.B. No. 558

AN ACT

relating to a continuing education requirement for certain clerks.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.604 to read as follows:

*Sec. 51.604. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) Whenever the word "clerk" is used in this section, it shall refer to a county clerk, a district clerk, or a county and district clerk.*

*(b) Within two years of the day on which a person first takes office as clerk, he or she must successfully complete 20 hours of instruction in the performance of the duties of office.*

*(c) A clerk must successfully complete 20 hours of continuing education courses in the performance of the duties of office at least one time in each 24-month period.*

SECTION 2. A person who takes office as clerk before the effective date of this Act and is serving as clerk on the effective date of this Act must successfully complete education required by Section 51.604, Government Code, not later than two years after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1988.

SECTION 4. 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 by the House on March 24, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 21, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 11, 1987.

Effective January 1, 1988.