

CHAPTER 1062

S.B. No. 619

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to require annual weapons proficiency tests of peace officers, and to establish standards and procedures for testing weapons proficiency of peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 546, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, as amended (Article 4413(29aa), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) Any entity that employs three or more peace officers shall designate a firearms proficiency control officer and require each peace officer that it employs to demonstrate to the firearms proficiency control officer weapons proficiency at least once each year. The record of this proficiency shall be maintained by the entity that employs peace officers.

(e) The commission may adopt rules that define weapons proficiency for the purpose of this section.

SECTION 2. Chapter 303, Acts of the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, 1981 (Article 4413(29aa-2), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 3. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall adopt rules that define weapons proficiency, as required by Subsection (e), Section 7, Chapter 546, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 4413(29aa), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as added by Section 1 of this Act, not later than December 31, 1987. An entity affected by this Act shall begin testing as required by this Act in the calendar year 1988.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 5. 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 April 22, 1987, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 20, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Passed the House, with amendment, on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.