Art. 2.02. ASSISTANCE OF TEXAS RANGERS. (a) The attorney representing the state may request the Texas Rangers division of the Department of Public Safety to provide assistance to a local law enforcement agency investigating an offense that:

(1) is alleged to have been committed by an elected officer of the political subdivision served by the local law enforcement agency; and

(2) on conviction or adjudication, would subject the elected officer to registration as a sex offender under Chapter 62.

(b) For purposes of this article, “assistance” includes investigative, technical, and administrative assistance.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 432
H.B. No. 2168
AN ACT relating to the powers of a sheriff’s department civil service commission in certain counties regarding an appeal of a disciplinary action.

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

SECTION 1. Section 158.035, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In rendering a final decision regarding a disciplinary action by the department, the commission may only sustain, overturn, or reduce the disciplinary action. The commission may not enhance a disciplinary action by the department.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a decision made by a sheriff’s department civil service commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A decision made by a sheriff’s department civil service commission before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the decision was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 24, 2009: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.
Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 433
H.B. No. 2181
AN ACT relating to the computation of a person’s age under the Election Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. Section 1.016, Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by the repeal of Section 1.016, Election Code, by this Act does not affect the validity of a person’s action taken before the effective date of this Act, including a person’s registration to vote, if the person was qualified to take such action before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 434

H.B. No. 2186

AN ACT
relating to the payment of a vehicle registration fee by a check drawn against insufficient funds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.181(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county assessor-collector who receives from any person a check or draft drawn on a bank or trust company in payment of a registration fee for a registration year that has not ended on a motor vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle sidecar that is returned unpaid because of insufficient funds or no funds in the bank or trust company to the credit of the drawer of the check or draft shall immediately certify the fact to the sheriff or a constable or highway patrol officer in the county after attempts to contact the person fail to result in the collection of payment. The certification must be made before the 30th day after the date the check or draft is returned unpaid and:

(1) be under the assessor-collector’s official seal;
(2) include the name and address of the person who gave the assessor-collector the check or draft;
(3) include the license plate number and make of the vehicle; [and]
(4) be accompanied by the check or draft; and
(5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to contact the person and collect payment.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a payment of a registration fee submitted to a county assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. A payment submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the payment was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 22, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.