this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 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.


CHAPTER 459

H.B. No. 2558

AN ACT

relating to registration for evacuation and disaster preparedness for clients of home and community support services agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0201 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.0201. REGISTRATION FOR EVACUATION; DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. A home and community support services agency shall:

(1) assist clients as necessary with registering for disaster evacuation assistance through 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network; and

(2) counsel clients as necessary regarding disaster preparedness.

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 2, 2009: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 460

H.B. No. 2580

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment opportunity Internet website by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.016. PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) In this section, “peace officer” has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

(b) The commission shall develop, maintain, and promote a statewide employment opportunity Internet website to facilitate:

(1) public awareness of peace officer employment opportunities with state and local law enforcement agencies; and

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(2) an exchange of information between individuals seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as peace officers.

(c) The Internet website must:

(1) be accessible to members of the public; and

(2) provide to individuals seeking employment as peace officers and state and local law enforcement agencies that have posted employment opportunities on the website an organized means of exchanging information.

(d) The commission shall contract with the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to develop a license verification interface to verify whether an applicant for employment as a peace officer:

(1) holds a current license issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and, if so, the level of that license; and

(2) has had the applicant’s license revoked or suspended by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

(e) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall provide the commission with technical assistance in the development and testing of the license verification interface under Subsection (d).

(f) If the development and operation of the Internet website and the associated license verification interface is not possible due to a lack of available funding, the commission shall:

(1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to integrate a peace officer job matching database for individuals seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as peace officers into the commission’s existing Labor Exchange System; and

(2) ensure that:

(A) the commission registers an Internet domain name that is unique and that identifies on its face the purpose of the peace officer job matching database; and

(B) the registered domain name and associated link directs users of the Internet to a web page that instructs users on how to use the Labor Exchange System and includes a link to enter that system.

SECTION 2. This Act does not make an appropriation. A provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program, creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the provision.

SECTION 3. 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 28, 2009: Yeas 142, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2580 on May 23, 2009: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 461

H.B. No. 2585

AN ACT
relating to digital or electronic signatures and witness signatures on advance directives.