(c) An honorably retired commissioned officer of the Department of Public Safety who is a special ranger under Section 411.023, Government Code, or who is a special Texas Ranger under Section 411.024, Government Code, may not be required to undergo training under Section 1701.253().

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 22, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2991 on May 23, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 921

H.B. No. 2994

AN ACT
relating to the powers and duties of the Reagan Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, is amended by adding Section 7A to read as follows:

Sec. 7A. (a) The board may borrow money at a rate not to exceed the maximum annual percentage rate allowed by law for district obligations at the time the loan is made.

(b) To secure a loan, the board may pledge:

(1) district revenue that is not pledged to pay the district's bonded indebtedness;

(2) a district tax to be imposed by the district during the 12-month period following the date of the pledge that is not pledged to pay the principal of or interest on district bonds; or

(3) a district bond that has been authorized but not sold.

(c) A loan for which taxes or bonds are pledged must mature not later than the first anniversary of the date the loan is made. A loan for which district revenue is pledged must mature not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is made.

SECTION 2. Chapter 29, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, is amended by adding Sections 9A and 9B to read as follows:

Sec. 9A In addition to the authority to issue general obligation bonds and revenue bonds under this Act, the board may provide for the security and payment of district bonds from a pledge of a combination of ad valorem taxes as authorized by Section 8 of this Act and revenue and other sources as authorized by Section 9 of this Act.

Sec. 9B. The district may use the proceeds of bonds issued under this Act to pay:

(1) any expense the board determines is reasonable and necessary to issue, sell, and deliver the bonds;

(2) interest payments on the bonds during a period of acquisition or construction of a project or facility to be provided through the bonds, not to exceed five years;

(3) costs related to the operation and maintenance of a project or facility to be provided through the bonds:

(A) during an estimated period of acquisition or construction, not to exceed five years; and

(B) for one year after the project or facility is acquired or constructed;
(4) costs related to the financing of the bond funds, including debt service reserve and contingency funds;
(5) costs related to the bond issuance;
(6) costs related to the acquisition of land or interests in land for a project or facility to be provided through the bonds; and
(7) costs of construction of a project or facility to be provided through the bonds, including the payment of related professional services and expenses.

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 May 7, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 922
H.B. No. 3001

AN ACT
relating to the consideration of longevity and cost of living in setting the salaries for certain municipal employees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 141, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 141.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.010. MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN TYPE A AND B GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITIES. To the extent consistent with Subchapter B of this chapter and Chapters 142 and 143, the governing body of a Type A or B general-law municipality may consider longevity and cost of living in setting the salary of a municipal employee.

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 May 5, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 923
H.B. No. 3003

AN ACT
relating to the creation of a bail bond board by the commissioners court of certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1704.052, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1704.052. DISCRETIONARY CREATION OF BOARD. A board may be created in a county with a population of less than 110,000 if: