(b) Notwithstanding any other law and in addition to the judge's annual salary, the commissioners court annually shall pay a judge of a statutory probate court who has continuously served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court since August 31, 1995, an additional amount equal to the amount of benefit replacement pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state under Subchapter H, Chapter 659, for equivalent continuous service. The salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

(c) The commissioners court monthly shall pay a statutory probate court judge who has served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court for at least 16 years longevity pay in an amount equal to the amount of longevity pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state for equivalent years of service. The longevity pay is in addition to the judge's monthly salary.

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 15, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 610
H.B. No. 773
AN ACT
relating to extending the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 312.006, Tax Code, as amended by Chapters 1029 (H.B. 1449) and 1505 (H.B. 1200), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 312.006. EXPIRATION DATE. If not continued in effect, this chapter expires September 1, 2019.

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 March 31, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 611
H.B. No. 780
AN ACT
relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning police department position in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 143.105. ELIGIBILITY FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements prescribed by Section 143.023, to be certified as eligible for a beginning position with a police department, a person must be at least 21 years of age at the end of the probationary period and have:

1. served in the United States armed forces and received an honorable discharge;
2. earned at least 60 hours' credit in any area of study at an accredited college or university, of which not more than 12 hours' credit may be earned for training at the police officer training academy operated or sponsored by the municipality; or
3. been employed full-time for at least five years as a peace officer licensed by:
   a. the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; or
   b. an acceptable licensing entity in another state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a police department that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

Passed by the House on April 15, 2009: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2009.