(1) the date the board issues the provisional license holder a license under this subtitle or denies the provisional license holder's application for a license; or
(2) the 270th day after the date the provisional license was issued.

(g) The board shall issue a license under this subtitle to the holder of a provisional license under this section if:

(1) the provisional license holder passes the examination required by Section 155.051; and
(2) the provisional license holder satisfies all other license requirements under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. Section 155.101, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies to an application for a provisional license submitted on or after January 1, 2010.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
Passed the Senate on March 19, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 25, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.
Approved June 19, 2009.
Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 464
S.B. No. 252
AN ACT relating to the authority of a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain revitalization or redevelopment programs to prohibit ad valorem tax increases on the owner's property for a limited period.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 11.34 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.34. LIMITATION OF TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality having a population of less than 10,000.

(b) Acting under the authority of Section 1-o, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, the governing body of a municipality, by official action, may call an election in the municipality to permit the voters of the municipality to determine whether to authorize the governing body to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under the programs administered by the Department of Agriculture as described by Section 1-o, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, under which the parties agree that the ad valorem taxes imposed by any political subdivision on the owner's real property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into, subject to the terms and conditions provided by the agreement.

(c) If the authority to limit tax increases under this section is approved by the voters and the governing body of the municipality enters into an agreement to limit tax increases under this section, the tax officials shall appraise the property to which the limitation applies and calculate taxes as on other property, but if the tax so calculated exceeds the limitation, the tax imposed is the amount of the tax as limited by this section, except as provided by Subsections (f) and (g).

(d) An agreement to limit tax increases under this section must be entered into before December 31 of the tax year in which the election was held.

(e) A taxing unit may not increase the total annual amount of ad valorem taxes the taxing unit imposes on the property above the amount of the taxes the taxing unit imposed
on the property in the tax year in which the governing body of the municipality entered into
an agreement to limit tax increases under this section.

(f) Subject to Subsection (g), an agreement to limit tax increases under this section expires on the earlier of:

(1) January 1 of the sixth tax year following the tax year in which the agreement was entered into; or

(2) January 1 of the first tax year in which the owner of the property when the agreement was entered into ceases to own the property.

(g) If property subject to an agreement to limit tax increases under this section is owned by two or more persons, the limitation expires on January 1 of the first tax year following the year in which the ownership of at least a 50 percent interest in the property is sold or otherwise transferred.

(h) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the population of a municipality to which this section applies when the municipality enters into an agreement to limit taxes under this section subsequently increases to 10,000 or more, the validity of the agreement is not affected by that change in population, and the agreement does not expire because of that change.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

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 the Senate on April 2, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 465

S.B. No. 281

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of the home address information of the spouses of certain federal judges and certain state judges.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the registration applicant is a federal judge, a [or] state judge, or the spouse of a
state judge or a federal judge who seeks to have the applicant's residence address omitted
from the registration list, the applicant shall include with the application an affidavit stating
that the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state
judge.

SECTION 2. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 13.004, Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The following information furnished on a registration application is confidential and
does not constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

(1) a social security number;
(2) a Texas driver's license number;
(3) a number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;
(4) an indication that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge; or