

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 243
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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law authorizes peace officers to administer certain oaths. H.B. 243 would authorize a peace officer to administer an oath while engaged in the performance of the officer's duties and to give a certificate of fact in this state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 243 authorizes a peace officer to administer an oath while engaged in the performance of the officer's duties and to give a certificate of fact in this state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 602.002, Government Code, to authorize an oath made in this state to be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a peace officer described by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, if the oath is administered when the officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's duties, and the administration of the oath relates to the officer's duties.

Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.