

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, certain federal criminal investigators have powers of arrest and powers of search and seizure as to felony offenses only under the laws of the State of Texas. The list of law enforcement authorities includes a variety of United States agencies with jurisdiction in Texas. This bill would add commissioned law enforcement officers of the National Park Service to the approved list of federal agents with powers of arrest and search and seizures.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 965 grants certain powers to commissioned law enforcement officers of the National Park Service.

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 Article 2.122, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (d), to provide that a commissioned law enforcement officer of the National Park Service (park officer) is not a peace officer under the laws of this state, except that the park officer has the powers of arrest, search, and seizure as to any offense committed under the laws of this state within the boundaries of a national park or national recreation area. Defines “national park or national recreation area.”

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Relating clause.

Grants limited state law enforcement authority to commissioned law enforcement officers of the National Park Service.

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