

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a constable or sheriff is required to have a high school diploma and be eligible for a peace officer license. A constable can be removed if evidence of a license has not been provided to the commissioners court of the county on or before the 270th day after the date the constable takes office. H.B. 385 provides that a person is not eligible to serve as a sheriff or constable unless the person holds a permanent peace officer license.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 85.0011, Local Government Code, to amend provisions regarding the qualifications of a sheriff.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 86.0021, Local Government Code, to amend provisions regarding the qualifications of a constable.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001. Provides that the change in law made by this Act to Sections 85.0011 and 86.0021, Local Government Code, applies only to an officer elected after January 1, 2002.