

removal in a quo warranto proceeding under Chapter 66, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(c) The license requirement of Subsection (b) supersedes the license requirement of Section 1701.302, Occupations Code.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 884, Sec. 3, eff. Jan. 1, 1998.

Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 877, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 30, 1999;

Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1420, Sec. 14.821, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 954, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005.

Sec. 86.003. NEW BOND; REMOVAL. (a) If any of the sureties of a constable dies, permanently moves from this state, becomes insolvent, or is released from liability as provided by law or if the commissioners court determines that the bond of the constable is insufficient, the court shall issue a citation that requires the constable to appear at a time set in the citation, after the 10th day but on or before the 30th day after the date the citation is issued, in order to execute a new bond with good and sufficient surety.

(b) If the constable neglects or refuses to appear to execute the bond at the designated time, the constable shall cease to perform the duties of the office and shall be removed from office by the judge of the district court in the manner provided by law for the removal of county officers.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

SUBCHAPTER B. DEPUTIES

Sec. 86.011. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CONSTABLE. (a) An elected constable who desires to appoint a deputy must apply in writing to the commissioners court of the county and show that it is necessary to appoint a deputy in order to properly handle the business of the constable's office that originates in the constable's precinct. The application must state the name of the proposed deputy. The commissioners court shall approve and confirm the appointment of the

deputy only if the commissioners court determines that the constable needs a deputy to handle the business originating in the precinct.

(b) Each deputy constable must qualify in the manner provided for deputy sheriffs.

(c) The constable is responsible for the official acts of each deputy of the constable. The constable may require a deputy to post a bond or security. A constable may exercise any remedy against a deputy or the deputy's surety that a person may exercise against the constable or the constable's surety.

(d) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) serves as a deputy constable and the person has not been appointed as provided by Subsection (a); or

(2) is a constable and issues a deputyship without the consent and approval of the commissioners court.

(e) An offense under Subsection (d) is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 86.012. RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES. (a) The commissioners court of a county may authorize a constable of the county to appoint reserve deputy constables. The commissioners court may limit the number of reserve deputy constables that a constable may appoint.

(b) A reserve deputy constable serves at the discretion of the constable and may be called into service at any time that the constable considers it necessary to have additional officers to preserve the peace and enforce the law. The constable may authorize a reserve deputy constable who is a peace officer as described by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, to carry a weapon or act as a peace officer at all times, regardless of whether the reserve deputy constable is engaged in the actual discharge of official duties, or may limit the authority of the reserve deputy constable to carry a weapon or act as a peace officer to only those times during which the reserve deputy constable is engaged in the actual discharge of official duties. A reserve deputy constable who is not a peace officer as described by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, may