

SUBJECT: Granting limited law enforcement power to Federal Reserve bank officers

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Phillips, Nevárez, Burns, Dale, Metcalf, Moody, M. White,
Wray

0 nays

1 absent — Johnson

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Chris Jones, Combined Law
Enforcement Associations of Texas)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Code of Criminal Procedure, art. 2.122 delegates law enforcement powers
of arrest, search, and seizure to specific criminal investigators in various
situations.

DIGEST: HB 2346 would give commissioned law enforcement officers of Federal
Reserve banks certain peace officer powers of arrest, search, and seizure
for any state offense committed under certain circumstances.

This would apply for offenses committed:

- on the premises, grounds, or property of a Federal Reserve bank or the Federal Reserve System;
- while protecting personnel of a Federal Reserve bank;
- while protecting the Board of Governors or members of the board of the Federal Reserve System; or
- while protecting operations conducted by or on behalf of a Federal Reserve bank or the board of governors.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2015.