under this section must be requested in writing. If a written request for a waiver is not timely made, the governing body of a taxing unit may not waive any penalties or interest under this section.

(i) The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax that relates to a date preceding the date on which the property owner acquired the property if:

(1) the property owner or another person liable for the tax pays the tax not later than the 181st day after the date the property owner receives notice of the delinquent tax that satisfies the requirements of Section 33.04(b); and

(2) the delinquency is the result of taxes imposed on:

(A) omitted property entered in the appraisal records as provided by Section 25.21;

(B) erroneously exempted property or appraised value added to the appraisal roll as provided by Section 11.43(i); or

(C) property added to the appraisal roll under a different account number or parcel when the property was owned by a prior owner.

(j) The governing body of a taxing unit may waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if the taxpayer submits evidence sufficient to show that the taxpayer delivered payment for the tax before the delinquency date to:

(1) the United States Postal Service for delivery by mail, but an act or omission of the postal service resulted in the taxpayer's payment being postmarked after the delinquency date; or

(2) a private delivery service for delivery, but an act or omission of the private carrier resulted in the taxpayer's payment being received by the taxing unit after the delinquency date.

SECTION 2. Section 33.04, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.04. NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY. (a) At least once each year the collector for a taxing unit shall deliver a notice of delinquency to each person whose name appears on the current delinquent tax roll. However, the notice need not be delivered if:

(1) a bill for the tax was not mailed under Section 31.01(f); or

(2) the collector does not know and by exercising reasonable diligence cannot determine the delinquent taxpayer's name and address.

(b) If the delinquency is the result of taxes imposed on property described by Section 33.011(i), the first page of the notice must include, in 14-point boldfaced type or 14-point uppercase letters, a statement that reads substantially as follows: "THE TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY ARE DELINQUENT. THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A LIEN FOR THE DELINQUENT TAXES. IF THE DELINQUENT TAXES ARE NOT PAID, THE LIEN MAY BE FORECLOSED ON."

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.
Sec. 1701.151. GENERAL POWERS OF COMMISSION; RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. The commission may:

(1) adopt rules for the administration of this chapter and for the commission's internal management and control;

(2) establish minimum standards relating to competence and reliability, including education, training, physical, mental, and moral standards, for licensing as an officer, county jailer, public security officer, or telecommunicator;

(3) report to the governor and legislature on the commission's activities, with recommendations on matters under the commission's jurisdiction, and make other reports that the commission considers desirable;

(4) require a state agency or a county, special district, or municipality in this state that employs officers, telecommunicators, or county jailers to submit reports and information;

(5) contract as the commission considers necessary for services, facilities, studies, and reports required for:
   (A) cooperation with municipal, county, special district, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in training programs; and
   (B) performance of the commission's other functions; and

(6) conduct research and stimulate research by public and private agencies to improve law enforcement and police administration.

SECTION 2. Sections 1701.251(a) and (c), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall establish and maintain training programs for officers, county jailers, and telecommunicators. The training shall be conducted by the commission staff or by other agencies and institutions the commission considers appropriate.

(c) The commission may:
   (1) issue or revoke the license of a school operated by or for this state or a political subdivision of this state specifically for training officers, county jailers, recruits, or telecommunicators;
   (2) operate schools and conduct preparatory, in-service, basic, and advanced courses in the schools, as the commission determines appropriate, for officers, county jailers, recruits, and telecommunicators;
   (3) issue a license to a person to act as a qualified instructor under conditions that the commission prescribes; and
   (4) consult and cooperate with a municipality, county, special district, state agency or other governmental agency, or a university, college, junior college, or other institution, concerning the development of schools and training programs for officers, county jailers, and telecommunicators.

SECTION 3. Section 1701.301, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.301. LICENSE REQUIRED. Except as provided by Sections 1701.310, and 1701.405, a person may not appoint or employ a person to serve as an officer, county jailer, public security officer, or telecommunicator unless the person holds an appropriate license issued by the commission.

SECTION 4. Section 1701.303, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person who appoints or employs a telecommunicator licensed by the commission shall notify the commission not later than the 30th day after the date of the appointment or employment. If the person appoints or employs an individual who previously served as a telecommunicator and the appointment or employment occurs after the 180th day after the last date of service as a telecommunicator, the person must have on file in a form readily accessible to the commission:

(1) new criminal history record information; and
(2) two completed fingerprint cards.
SECTION 5. The heading to Section 1701.307, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.307. ISSUANCE OF OFFICER OR COUNTY JAILER LICENSE.

SECTION 6. Section 1701.307(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall issue an appropriate officer or county jailer license to a person who, as required by this chapter:

1. submits an application;
2. completes the required training;
3. passes the required examination;
4. is declared to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health and free from drug dependency or illegal drug use; and
5. demonstrates weapons proficiency.

SECTION 7. Subchapter G, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.3071 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.3071. ISSUANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATOR LICENSE. (a) The commission shall issue a telecommunicator license to a person who:

1. submits an application;
2. completes the required training;
3. passes the required examination; and
4. meets any other requirement of this chapter and the rules prescribed by the commission to qualify as a telecommunicator.

(b) The commission may issue a temporary or permanent license to a person to act as a telecommunicator.

SECTION 8. Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) A state agency, county, special district, or municipality that appoints or employs a telecommunicator shall provide training to the telecommunicator of not less than 20 hours during each 24-month period of employment. The training must be approved by the commission and consist of topics selected by the commission and the employing entity.

SECTION 9. Section 1701.401(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission shall adopt rules for issuing achievement awards to peace officers, reserve peace officers, jailers, [or] custodial officers, or telecommunicators who are licensed by the commission. The commission's rules shall require recommendations from an elected official of this state or a political subdivision, an administrator of a law enforcement agency, or a person holding a license issued by the commission.

SECTION 10. Section 1701.405, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may not employ a person to act as a telecommunicator unless the person:

1. has had at least 40 hours of telecommunicator training as determined by the commission;
2. is at least 18 years of age; [and]
3. holds a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate; and
4. holds a license to act as a telecommunicator or agrees to obtain the license not later than the first anniversary of the date of employment.

(b-1) A person employed to act as a telecommunicator who has not obtained a license to act as a telecommunicator under this chapter may not continue to act as a telecommunicator after the first anniversary of the date of employment unless the person obtains the license.

(b-2) Notwithstanding this section, an officer is not required to obtain a telecommunicator license to act as a telecommunicator.
SECTION 11. Section 1701.551(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person appoints or retains another person as an officer, [or county jailer, or] telecommunicator in violation of Section 1701.301, 1701.303, or 1701.405.

SECTION 12. (a) Not later than December 31, 2013, the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall adopt rules, standards, and procedures necessary to implement Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, and Subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, a person employed as a certified telecommunicator on January 1, 2014, is exempt from the requirements for an initial telecommunicator license under that chapter, and the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall issue a telecommunicator license to the person on receipt of an application showing that the person was employed as a certified telecommunicator on that date.

SECTION 13. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2014.

(b) Section 12 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1951 on May 23, 2013, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1951 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 109, Nays 34, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 21, Nays 10; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1951 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective January 1, 2014, except as provided in § 13(b).

CHAPTER 969
H.B. No. 1953
AN ACT
relating to the payment for liquor by a retailer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 102.32, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A wholesale dealer who accepts a check or draft as payment from a retailer for the purchase of liquor must deposit the check or draft in the bank for payment or present the check or draft for payment within five business days after it is received.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2013.