property that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to
the transfer immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that
purpose. For the purposes of this section, a transfer of property occurs before the effective
date of this Act if the contract binding the purchaser to purchase the property is executed
before that date.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting; passed
by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 696

H.B. No. 2874

AN ACT
relating to the designation by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles of the registration year for certain
vehicles sold by a dealer.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.044, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e)
to read as follows:

(e) The department shall use the date of sale of the vehicle in designating the registration
year for a vehicle for which registration is applied for under Section 501.0234.

SECTION 2. Section 502.044(e), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only
to a vehicle registered on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the
House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2874 on May 22, 2013: Yeas
131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May
20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 697

H.B. No. 2902

AN ACT
relating to lost, damaged, or overdue county library property; authorizing fines; authorizing a civil
penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 323, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D
to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. LIBRARY FINES; CIVIL PENALTY

Sec. 323.071. LIBRARY FINES. (a) The commissioners court by order may establish
reasonable fines to be collected by a county library for lost, damaged, or overdue library
property.

(b) The fines shall be deposited in the county free library fund.

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Sec. 323.072. ABUSE OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES. (a) The commissioners court by order may adopt reasonable regulations that prohibit a person from abusing library services by intentionally failing to pay a library fine or return library property.

(b) A person who violates a regulation adopted by the county under this section is liable to the county for a civil penalty of not more than $100 for each violation. A county may bring suit in a district or county court to recover a civil penalty authorized by this subsection.

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

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 698
H.B. No. 2911
AN ACT
relating to the regulation of real estate inspectors; changing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1102, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1102.1051 to read as follows:

Sec. 1102.1051. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSE. (a) The commission shall require that an applicant for a license or renewal of an unexpired license submit a complete and legible set of fingerprints, on a form prescribed by the commission, to the commission or to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) The commission shall refuse to issue a license to or renew the license of a person who does not comply with the requirement of Subsection (a).

(c) The commission shall conduct a criminal history check of each applicant for a license or renewal of a license using information:

(1) provided by the individual under this section; and

(2) made available to the commission by the Department of Public Safety, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any other criminal justice agency under Chapter 411, Government Code.

(d) The commission may:

(1) enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Safety to administer a criminal history check required under this section; and

(2) authorize the Department of Public Safety to collect from each applicant the costs incurred by the department in conducting the criminal history check.

SECTION 2. Section 1102.109, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1102.109. ELIGIBILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL INSPECTOR LICENSE. To be eligible for a professional inspector license, an applicant must:

(1) at the time of application have:

(A) held a real estate inspector license for at least 12 months; and

(B) performed at least 175 real estate inspections under indirect supervision;

(2) submit evidence satisfactory to the commission of successful completion of at least 40 [30] classroom hours of core real estate inspection courses, in addition to the hours required by Section 1102.108[40, and at least eight classroom hours related to the study of standards of practice, legal issues, or ethics related to the practice of real estate inspecting].