(c) After the first anniversary of the date a clerk assumes the duties of office, the clerk must each calendar year complete 20 hours of continuing education courses. A clerk must, during the first year of such term of office, complete:

1. at least one hour of continuing education courses regarding registry funds handled under Chapter 117, Local Government Code, in the performance of the duties of office; and

2. at least one hour of continuing education courses regarding fraudulent court documents and fraudulent document filings.

SECTION 2. Section 51.605(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a court clerk who assumes the duties of office on or after the effective date of this Act. A court clerk who assumes the duties of office before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 711

H.B. No. 3350

AN ACT

relating to homestead preservation districts and reinvestment zones.

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

SECTION 1. Section 373A.051(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To promote and expand the ownership and rental of affordable housing and to prevent the involuntary loss of homesteads by existing homeowners and renters living in the area, the governing body of a municipality by ordinance may designate as a homestead preservation district an area in the municipality that is eligible under Section 373A.052.

SECTION 2. Section 373A.052(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be designated as a district within a municipality described by Section 373A.003(a) under this subchapter, an area must be composed of census tracts forming a spatially compact area contiguous to a central business district and with:

1. fewer than 75,000 [25,000] residents;
2. fewer than 8,000 households;
3. a number of owner-occupied households that does not exceed 50 percent of the total households in the area;
4. housing stock at least 55 percent of which was built at least 45 years ago;
5. an unemployment rate that is greater than 10 percent;
6. an overall poverty rate that is at least two times the poverty rate for the entire municipality; and
7. in each census tract within the area, a median family income that is less than 80 [60] percent of the median family income for the entire municipality.

SECTION 3. Section 373A.152, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:
(b) A county may participate in a homestead preservation reinvestment zone established by a municipality under Subsection (a) by adopting a final order:

(1) agreeing to the creation of the zone, the zone boundaries, and the zone termination date specified by the municipality under Section 373A.1521(1); and

(2) specifying an amount of tax increment to be deposited by the county into the tax increment fund that is equal to the amount of the tax increment specified by the municipality under Section 373A.1521(3).

SECTION 4. Section 373A.1522, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 373A.1522. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ZONE. The zone designated by the ordinance adopted under Section 373A.1521 takes effect on the date designated by the municipality in the ordinance adopted under Section 373A.1521 [on which the county adopts a final order:

(1) agreeing to the creation of the zone, the zone boundaries, and the zone termination date specified by the municipality under Section 373A.1521(1); and

(2) specifying an amount of tax increment to be deposited by the county into the tax increment fund that is equal to the amount of the tax increment specified by the municipality under Section 373A.1521(3)].

SECTION 5. Section 373A.155(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(b) If a county elects to participate in a homestead preservation reinvestment zone, the county shall pay into the tax increment fund for the zone an amount equal to the tax increment paid by the municipality as specified in the order adopted under Section 373A.1521.

SECTION 6. Section 373A.158(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) If a county elects to participate in a homestead preservation reinvestment zone, the county is the only taxing unit entitled to receive the annual report prepared under Section 311.016(a), Tax Code.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 104, Nays 39, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 21, Nays 10.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 712
H.B. No. 3401
AN ACT
relating to nutrition and wellness education for certain recipients of certain state benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0995 to read as follows:
Sec. 531.0995. NUTRITION AND WELLNESS EDUCATION. (a) This section applies to individuals receiving benefits under:

(1) the financial assistance program under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code;

(2) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code; or

(3) the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.

(b) The commission shall work with community-based organizations to encourage individuals receiving benefits to access readily available and existing online information and programs, including information provided on the commission’s website, that provide nutri-