SECTION 9. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 33.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.039. REVIEW OF COMMISSION OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURAL RULES. The commission periodically as the commission determines appropriate shall:

(1) assess the operations of the commission and implement any improvements needed to increase efficiency; and

(2) review the commission’s procedural rules adopted by the supreme court to determine whether rule amendments are necessary to reflect changes in law, including changes made through court opinions and statutory and constitutional amendments, and report to the supreme court the needed rule revisions and suggested language for those revisions.

SECTION 10. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, but not later than December 31, 2013, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall:

(1) conduct an initial assessment of the operations of the commission and an initial review of the procedural rules as required by Section 33.039, Government Code, as added by this Act; and

(2) report to the Texas Supreme Court any needed rule revisions and suggested language for those revisions as required by that section.

SECTION 11. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

(b) Subdivision (7), Subsection (a), Section 33.001, and Section 33.034, Government Code, as amended by this Act, take effect on the date the constitutional amendment proposed by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, regarding the sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct takes effect. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, those sections have no effect.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013, except as provided by § 11 (b).

CHAPTER 514

S.B. No. 221

AN ACT
relating to the composition and employees of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 651.054, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Members of the commission serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of one-third of the members expiring in each odd-numbered year. [A member may not be appointed for more than one full term, except that a member appointed to fill an unexpired term with less than three years remaining in the unexpired term may be reappointed to the commission for one full term.]

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 651.060, Occupations Code, is repealed.

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 the Senate on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.
CHAPTER 515

S.B. No. 251

AN ACT

relating to an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 132.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsections (e) and (f), an unsworn declaration made under this section must include a jurat in substantially the following form:

“My name is ___________ (First) ___________ (Middle) ___________ (Last), my date of birth is ___________ (Street) ___________ (City) ___________ (State) ___________ (Zip Code) and ___________, my address is ___________. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in ___________ County, State of ___________, on the ___________ day of ___________, (Month) (Year)

Declarant”

(f) An unsworn declaration made under this section by an employee of a state agency or a political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties, must include a jurat in substantially the following form:

“My name is ___________ (First) ___________ (Middle) ___________ (Last) and I am an employee of the following governmental agency: ___________. I am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in ___________ County, State of ___________, on the ___________ day of ___________, (Month) (Year)

Declarant”

SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 132.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an unsworn declaration executed on or after the effective date of this Act. An unsworn declaration executed before the effective date of this Act 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 September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 1, two present not voting.