

§ 81.0025. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) A county commissioner must successfully complete at least 16 classroom hours of continuing education in the performance of the duties of county commissioners at least once in each 12-month period.

(b) Continuing education instruction required by this section must be certified by an accredited public institution of higher education.

(c) To satisfy the requirement of this section, a commissioner is entitled to carry forward from one 12-month period to the next not more than eight continuing education hours that the commissioner completes in excess of the required 16 hours.

(d) For the purposes of removal under Subchapter B, Chapter 87, "incompetency" in the case of a county commissioner includes the failure to complete hours of continuing education in accordance with this section.

(e) This section does not apply to a county commissioner who:

(1) serves in a county with a population of 1.3 million or more;

(2) has served continuously for 12 years or more; and

(3) attends at least 15 hours of staff briefing on continuing education subjects in each 12-month period as approved by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

(f) In addition to the exceptions under Subsection (e), this section does not apply to a county commissioner who serves in a county with a population of 225,000 or more and who:

(1) has served continuously for 12 years or more; and

(2) in the 12-month period, completes at least three semester credit hours of graduate-level course work in a field of study directly related to county government with a grade of B or higher in each course completed during the period.

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1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1235, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2003,

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