

ADOPTED RULES

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TITLE 1. ADMINISTRATION

PART 2. TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

CHAPTER 7. CONTRACTS

1 TAC §§7.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.7, 7.9, 7.11, 7.55

The Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts new Chapter 7 in the TEC Rules, regarding Contracts. These new rules are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the February 27, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1223). The rules will not be republished.

Specifically, the Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts new Texas Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 7 (relating to Contracts). The TEC adopts these new rules to codify Vendor Protest Procedures, Vendor Protest Procedures for Vendor Performance Reports, Contract Monitoring, Enhanced Contract Monitoring and Veteran Heroes United in Business (VetHUB) Procedures, including §7.1 regarding Application, §7.3 regarding Definitions, §7.5 regarding Vendor Protest Procedures, §7.7 regarding Contract Monitoring, §7.9 regarding Enhanced Contract Monitoring, and §7.11 Veteran heroes United in Businesses (VetHUB), §7.55 regarding Vendor Protest Procedures for Vendor Performance Reports,.

State law requires state agencies to "review and consider for readoption each of its rules ... not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date." Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. The law further requires agencies to "readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section." *Id.*

The TEC is continuing its comprehensive review with the addition of Chapter 7, regarding Contracts. The addition of these rules seeks to provide clarity on the Commission's contract policies.

The TEC did not receive any public comments on these new rules.

The new rules are adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to administer Title 15 of the Election Code and Chapter 571 of the Government Code.

The adopted rules affect Chapter 571 of the Government Code.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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CHAPTER 26. POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE ADVERTISING

1 TAC §26.1

The Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts an amendment to Texas Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 26 (relating to Political and Legislative Advertising). Specifically, the TEC adopts an amendment to §26.1 regarding Disclosure Statement. This amended rule is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the April 3, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 2161). The rule will be republished.

The changes are to §26.1(c)(4)(B) and §26.1(d), both of which are changing "Subsection" to "subsection" and adding "of this section".

State law requires state agencies to "review and consider for readoption each of its rules ... not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date." Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. The law further requires agencies to "readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section." *Id.*

The TEC is continuing its comprehensive review with a review of the TEC's rules regarding political and legislative advertising, which are codified in Chapter 26.

The TEC did not receive any public comments on this amended rule.

The amended rule is adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to administer Title 15 of the Election Code and Chapter 571 of the Government Code.

The adopted amended rule affects Chapter 255 of the Election Code.

§26.1. *Disclosure Statement.*

(a) A disclosure statement that is required by §255.001, Election Code must:

(1) appear on one line of text or on successive lines of text on the face of the political advertising; or

(2) be clearly spoken in the political advertising if the political advertising does not include written text.

(b) A disclosure statement is not required on political advertising printed on letterhead stationery if the letterhead contains the full name of one of the following:

(1) the person who paid for the political advertising;

(2) the political committee authorizing the political advertising; or

(3) the candidate authorizing the political advertising.

(c) A disclosure statement is not required on:

(1) campaign buttons, pins, or hats, or on objects whose size makes printing the disclosure impractical;

(2) political advertising posted or re-posted on an Internet website, as long as the person posting or re-posting the political advertising:

(A) is not an officeholder, candidate, or political committee;

(B) did not make an expenditure exceeding \$100 in a reporting period for political advertising beyond the basic cost of hardware messaging software and bandwidth; and

(C) did not post or re-post the political advertising in return for consideration.

(3) the Internet social media profile webpage of a candidate or officeholder, provided the webpage clearly and conspicuously displays the full name of the candidate or officeholder; or

(4) political advertising posted or re-posted by a person on an Internet website, provided the advertising is posted with a link to a publicly viewable Internet webpage that:

(A) contains the disclosure statement; or

(B) is exempt from containing the disclosure statement under subsection (c)(3) of this section.

(d) For the purposes of subsection (c) of this section, an "Internet social media profile webpage" is an Internet webpage on a website where members of the public may, for no charge, connect electronically with other members of the public and share text, images, videos, and similar forms of communications.

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1 TAC §26.2, §26.3

The Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts amendments to Texas Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 26 (relating to Political and Legislative Advertising). Specifically, the TEC adopts

amendments to §26.2 regarding Newsletter of Public Officer of a Political Subdivision and §26.3 regarding Legislative Advertising. These amended rules are adopted with changes to §26.2 and without changes to §26.3 of the proposed text as published in the February 27, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1225). Section 26.2 will be republished with changes; §26.3, without changes, will not be republished.

State law requires state agencies to "review and consider for readoption each of its rules ... not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date." Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. The law further requires agencies to "readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section." *Id.*

The TEC is continuing its comprehensive review with a review of the TEC's rules regarding political and legislative advertising, which are codified in Chapter 26.

The TEC did not receive any public comments on these amended rules.

The only change is to correct a typographical error in Rule 26.2(4) to change 60 days to 62 days.

The amended rules are adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to administer Title 15 of the Election Code and Chapter 571 of the Government Code.

The adopted amended rules affect Chapter 255 of the Election Code.

§26.2. *Newsletter of Public Officer of a Political Subdivision.*

For purposes of §255.003 of the Election Code, a newsletter of a public officer of a political subdivision is not political advertising if:

(1) It includes no more than two pictures of a public officer per page and if the total amount of area covered by the pictures is no more than 20 percent of the page on which the pictures appear;

(2) It includes no more than eight personally phrased references (such as the public officer's name, "I", "me", "the city council member") on a page that is 8 ½" x 11" or larger, with a reasonable reduction in the number of such personally phrased references in pages smaller than 8 ½" x 11";

(3) When viewed as a whole and in the proper context:

(A) is informational rather than self-promotional;

(B) does not advocate passage or defeat of a measure;

and

(C) does not support or oppose a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of political party, a political party, or a public officer; and

(4) Is published more than 62 days before the election.

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CHAPTER 34. REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS

The Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts amendments to Texas Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 34 (relating to Regulation of Lobbyists). These amended rules are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the February 27, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1225). The rules will not be republished.

Specifically, the TEC adopts an amendment in Subchapter A of Chapter 34 (regarding General Provisions), including §34.1 regarding Definitions.

The TEC also adopts amendments rules in Subchapter B of Chapter 34 (relating to Registration Required), including §34.41 regarding Expenditure Threshold and §34.43 regarding Compensation and Reimbursement Threshold.

State law requires state agencies to "review and consider for readoption each of its rules ... not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date." Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. The law further requires agencies to "readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section." *Id.*

The TEC is continuing its comprehensive review with a review of the TEC's rules regarding regulation of lobbyists, which are codified in Chapter 34. These amendments seek to shorten, simplify, and reorganize the rules to eliminate surplusage and improve clarity on these restrictions.

The Commission received public comments from the Professional Advocacy Association of Texas (PAAT) after these rules were adopted by the Commission. PAAT supported the proposed changes to sections 34.41 and 34.43, stating that "PAAT members have supported a practical approach to registration and full disclosure" for many years. PAAT also suggested the repeal of section 34.5(b) regarding the exclusion of certain compensation from the registration threshold for certain communications. The Commission will review this request and may consider this repeal at a future date.

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 TAC §34.1

The amended rules are adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to administer Chapter 305 of the Government Code.

The adopted amended rules affect Chapter 305 of the Government Code.

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SUBCHAPTER B. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

1 TAC §34.41, §34.43

The amended rules are adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to administer Chapter 305 of the Government Code.

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CHAPTER 45. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1 TAC §45.3, §45.8

The Texas Ethics Commission (the TEC) adopts an amendment and new rule in Texas Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 45 (relating to Conflicts of Interest). Specifically, the TEC adopts an amendment to §45.3 regarding Definitions and new §45.8 regarding Additional Disclosures for Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. These amended and new rules are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the February 27, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1227). The rules will not be republished.

This adoption amends the rules regarding the additional disclosures for the Texas Comptroller.

State law requires state agencies to "review and consider for readoption each of its rules ... not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date." Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. The law further requires agencies to "readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section." *Id.*

The TEC is continuing its comprehensive review with a review of the TEC's rules regarding conflicts of interest, which are codified in Chapter 45. These amendments seek to provide clarity to cross reference with 1 Texas Administrative Code §20.220.

The Commission did not receive any public comments on these amended and new rules.

The amended and new rules are adopted under Texas Government Code §571.062, which authorizes the Commission to adopt

rules to administer Title 15 of the Election Code and Chapter 571 of the Government Code.

The adopted amended and new rules affect Section 2155.003 of the Government Code and 1 Texas Administrative Code §20.220.

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TITLE 4. AGRICULTURE

PART 2. TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 51. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4 TAC §51.3

The Texas Animal Health Commission (Commission) in a duly noticed meeting on May 12, 2026, adopted amendments to Title 4, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 51 titled "Entry Requirements." Specifically, the Commission adopted amendments to §51.3 regarding Exceptions without changes to the proposed text published in the March 13, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1480) and will not be republished.

JUSTIFICATION FOR RULE ACTION

The Texas Animal Health Commission adopts amendments to §51.3, concerning Exceptions. The purpose of the amendment is to eliminate duplicative regulation and expand the veterinary care permit exception to include cattle, bison, and camelids.

The Commission is tasked with creating and enforcing entry requirements for livestock, fowl, exotic livestock, and exotic fowl. The Commission requires all animals entering Texas to be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) unless specific exceptions apply. One such exception is the veterinary care exception found in §51.3(b)(1). This exception currently allows equine to enter Texas without a CVI if traveling directly to a veterinary clinic for treatment with a permit issued by the Commission. Equine must be returned immediately to their state of origin via the most direct route following treatment.

The amendments expand the veterinary care exception to include cattle, bison, and camelids. During road-side inspections, Commission staff stop ranchers from neighboring states crossing into Texas for routine preventative procedures like dehorning and castration. These entries are not permitted and result in compliance actions and ultimately represent gaps in TAHC's disease tracing efforts. The adopted amendments will allow and encourage expanded access to skilled Texas veterinarians while maintaining disease traceability.

Additionally, the adopted amendments eliminate language that allows equine entering for sale at a livestock market to first be consigned to a veterinary clinic for issuance of a CVI. This exception is duplicative of an exception found in §51.13(a)(5) which allows equine entering for sale at a livestock market to first move directly to an EIA approved lab/vet clinic for testing and CVI. Both exceptions require a permit prior to entry. And presently, §51.13 is the exception used by Commission staff rather than the exception found in §51.3. This amendment tidies Commission rules without changing procedure for staff or eliminating an existing exception for the public.

HOW THE RULE WILL FUNCTION

Section 51.3 includes exceptions to the Commission's entry requirements. The amendments expand the veterinary care exception for CVIs from equine-only to equine, cattle, bison, and camelids. The amendments also eliminate a duplicative CVI exception for equine entering for sale at a livestock market which may be consigned directly to a veterinary clinic for issuance of a CVI.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED AND COMMISSION RESPONSE

The 30-day comment period ended April 13, 2026.

During this period, the Commission received one comment. A summary of the comment relating to the rule and the Commission's response follows.

Comment: The Livestock Marketing Association of Texas stated its support for the rule change noting that the change appears to simplify the process for moving equines interstate and eliminates unintended bureaucratic hassle. LMAT expressed its appreciation for the Commission's willingness to simplify requirements for all parties, including those participating in livestock markets.

Response: The Commission thanks the commenter for the feedback. No changes were made as a result of these comments.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendments are adopted under the following statutory authority as found in Chapter 161 of the Texas Agriculture Code. The Commission is vested by statute, §161.041(a), with the requirement to protect all livestock, domestic animals, and domestic fowl from disease. The Commission is authorized, through §161.041(b), to act to eradicate or control any disease or agent of transmission for any disease that affects livestock.

Pursuant to §161.006, entitled "Documents to Accompany Shipment", if required that a certificate or permit accompany animals or commodities moved in this state, the document must be in the possession of the person in charge of the animals or commodities, if the movement is made by any other means.

Pursuant to §161.046, entitled "Rules", the Commission may adopt rules as necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

Pursuant to §161.048, entitled "Inspection of Shipment of Animals or Animal Products", the Commission may require testing, vaccination, or another epidemiologically sound procedure before or after animals are moved. An agent of the Commission is entitled to stop and inspect a shipment of animals or animal products being transported in this state in order to determine if the shipment originated from a quarantined area or herd; or determine if the shipment presents a danger to the public health

or livestock industry through insect infestation or through a communicable or noncommunicable disease.

Pursuant to §161.054, titled "Regulation of Movement of Animals; Exception", the Commission, by rule, may regulate the movement of animals. The Commission may restrict the intrastate movement of animals even though the movement of the animals is unrestricted in interstate or international commerce. The Commission may require testing, vaccination, or another epidemiologically sound procedure before or after animals are moved. The Commission is authorized, through §161.054(b), to prohibit or regulate the movement of animals into a quarantined herd, premises, or area. The executive director of the Commission is authorized, through §161.054(d), to modify a restriction on animal movement, and may consider economic hardship.

Pursuant to §161.113, entitled "Testing or Treatment of Livestock", if the Commission requires testing or vaccination under this subchapter, the testing or vaccination must be performed by an accredited veterinarian or qualified person authorized by the commission. The state may not be required to pay the cost of fees charged for the testing or vaccination. The Commission may require the owner or operator of a livestock market to furnish adequate equipment or facilities or have access to essential equipment or facilities within the immediate vicinity of the livestock market.

Pursuant to §161.114, entitled "Inspection of Livestock", an authorized inspector may examine livestock consigned to and delivered on the premises of a livestock market before the livestock are offered for sale. If the inspector considers it necessary, the inspector may have an animal tested or vaccinated. Any testing or vaccination must occur before the animal is removed from the livestock market.

No other statutes, articles, or codes are affected by this adoption.

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TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS

PART 11. TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

CHAPTER 217. LICENSURE, PEER ASSISTANCE AND PRACTICE

22 TAC §217.8

Introduction. The Texas Board of Nursing (Board) adopts new 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.8, relating to Verification of Legal Presence and License Eligibility, without changes to the proposed text as published in the January 23, 2026 edition of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 399). The rule will not be republished.

Reasoned Justification. The new section is necessary to clarify the process by which the Board ensures compliance with federal requirements governing eligibility for nursing licensure in Texas. Under 8 U.S.C. §1621, individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States are generally ineligible to receive certain state and local public benefits, including professional licenses. The adopted rule establishes a process for verifying that individuals seeking licensure to practice nursing in Texas are legally present and authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal law.

While the adopted rule permits an applicant to seek a preliminary determination of eligibility for licensure before final verification of legal presence, the rule requires applicants to submit documentation sufficient for the Board to verify legal presence before a license may be issued or renewed.

Section-by-Section Overview.

Adopted new §217.8 establishes requirements relating to verification of legal presence and employment authorization for applicants.

Subsection (a) identifies the forms of documentation the Board may accept to verify that an individual is legally present in the United States before a nursing license may be issued or renewed. The subsection includes various forms of state and federal identification and immigration documentation that may be used to establish legal presence and employment authorization.

Subsection (b) establishes a process allowing the Board to review an application and issue a preliminary certification of eligibility for licensure before final verification of legal presence has been completed. The subsection clarifies that the Board may complete other aspects of the application review process, including examinations and eligibility determinations, prior to receipt of final documentation establishing legal presence in the United States. The subsection further provides that a license or license renewal may not be issued until the Board has verified that the applicant possesses documentation sufficient to establish legal presence in the United States under federal law.

Public Comment.

Comment: The Texas House Democratic Caucus, Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, and Representative John Bryant submitted similar comments expressing concern that the proposed changes to legal presence or residency requirements may increase administrative complexity and slow the Board's ability to process licensure applications efficiently. The commenters cite projections from the Texas Department of State Health Services indicating that, by 2032, demand for registered nurses will exceed supply by more than 57,000 positions, resulting in an approximate 16 percent workforce deficit. The commenters note that existing shortages have already contributed to reduced access to care and longer wait times for patients. Considering these conditions, the commenters assert that additional barriers or delays in licensure could further strain the healthcare system and urge the Board to avoid changes that may impede timely licensure, instead encouraging approaches that support and expedite workforce entry.

Response: The Board appreciates the commenters' concerns regarding nursing workforce shortages and the potential impact of licensure processing timelines on workforce availability. The Board does not agree that the rule will necessarily contribute to the projected nursing shortage and does not anticipate that the process will result in sustained delays to licensure. While

the Board acknowledges that implementation of the verification process may temporarily impact licensure timelines, the Board does not anticipate that implementation of the rule will hinder the timely processing and approval of applications or renewals in the long term. The adopted rule provides a broad range of documentation options for applicants to verify legal presence, which is intended to minimize administrative burden and avoid unnecessary delays while maintaining compliance with applicable law. Federal law precludes a state agency from issuing a license to an applicant who is not legally present, and the rule is necessary to ensure compliance with those requirements.

Comment: Jack Frazee, Director of Government Affairs and General Counsel, submitted a comment on behalf of the Texas Nurses Association. The comment acknowledges the Board's responsibility to verify legal presence and ensure compliance with federal requirements. The commenter raises concerns regarding implementation, noting that certain required documents, such as certified birth certificates and federal records, may be difficult and time-consuming to obtain, particularly for applicants with limited resources, those in rural areas, or those requesting records from other states, which may delay examination eligibility or licensure and impact workforce onboarding. The commenter also identifies potential issues with name discrepancies between documents, such as maiden and married names, and recommends clear guidance and an opportunity for applicants to cure deficiencies without significant delay. The commenter encourages the Board to apply documentation standards with flexibility where employment authorization is otherwise clear, maintain alignment with federal requirements, and avoid unintentionally delaying or excluding otherwise qualified applicants. The commenter further notes that provisions allowing portions of the application process to proceed while documentation is pending are beneficial and recommends additional clarity regarding timelines and deficiency notices to support efficient implementation.

Response: In response to concerns regarding the difficulty and time required to obtain certain documents identified in the adopted rule, the Board notes that the adopted rule provides a broad range of acceptable documentation options to establish legal authorization to work in the United States, which is intended to provide flexibility for applicants while maintaining compliance with federal law. With respect to concerns regarding name discrepancies between documents, including differences resulting from marriage or divorce, the Board agrees that clear guidance and an opportunity to cure deficiencies are important. The Board notes that such issues are addressed through existing application processes. The Board will continue to provide guidance regarding acceptable supporting documentation and allow applicants a reasonable opportunity to cure deficiencies without restarting the application process. In response to the commenter's recommendation regarding alignment with federal employment authorization standards, the Board agrees. The Board agrees with and appreciates the commenter's observation regarding subsection (b). As noted, subsection (b) allows the application process, including administration of required examinations and character review, to proceed prior to submission of documentation verifying legal presence. This provision is intended to minimize disruption to applicants and mitigate any potential impact on workforce entry.

Statutory Authority. This new section is adopted under the authority of Texas Occupations Code §301.151, the Board's general rulemaking authority. The Board may adopt and enforce rules consistent with this chapter necessary to perform its du-

ties and conduct proceedings before the board and regulate the practice of nursing.

Cross Reference to Statute. The following statutes are affected by this adoption: Texas Occupations Code §301.151 & 8 U.S.C. §1621.

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**PART 22. TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

**CHAPTER 511. ELIGIBILITY
SUBCHAPTER B. CERTIFICATION BY
EXAMINATION**

22 TAC §511.22

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.22 concerning Initial Filing of the Application of Intent, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1964) and will not be republished.

Applicants are required to submit an application of intent. If the two years pass (as required by statute) and they have not taken one section of the CPA exam, the application of intent is removed from the Board's database and the person is required to submit a new application of intent to begin the process again.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

No other article, statute or code is affected by the adoption.

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22 TAC §511.26

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.26 concerning Applications under Prior Acts, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1966) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule revision makes it clear that an application to take the exam or to be certified prior to the revisions to the Act continues to be effective without the need for refiling. It also makes it clear that the examination referenced in the rule is the UCPAE examination.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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SUBCHAPTER C. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

22 TAC §511.51

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.51 concerning Educational Definitions, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1967) and will not be republished.

Deleted no longer needed definitions, terms and acronyms and added new terms.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

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22 TAC §511.53

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.53 concerning Evaluation of International Education Documents, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1968) and will not be republished.

The Board proposes one change to reflect the updated name of the office for validating international education documents. The second proposed revision is not substantive but is proposed for a better read.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.54

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.54 concerning Recognized Texas Community Colleges, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1969) and will not be republished.

The Board required 30 hours of academic accounting courses in order to become certified up until this last legislative session. The Public Accountancy Act now permits licensure with a bachelor's degree and only 27 hours of academic accounting courses. Revision proposes to revise the Board rule to permit licensure with 150 hours of college coursework with 27 hours of academic accounting courses in order to be consistent with the bachelor's degree pathway to licensure.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

No other article, statute or code is affected by the adoption.

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22 TAC §511.56

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.56 concerning Educational Qualifications under the Act to take the UCPAE, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1971) and will not be republished.

The proposed revision requires the applicant's official transcripts to evidence the completion of the required college course hours to be certified.

The proposed rule revisions also make it clear that in order to be certified the applicant must complete at least 21 semester hours of upper level business courses and a three semester hour ethics course regardless of whether they are being certified under 150 hours or with the bachelor's degree.

The coursework listed in subsection (c)(1) - (4) of this section identifies the coursework that will not satisfy the course work needed to be certified.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.57

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts a repeal to §511.57 concerning Courses in an Accounting Concentration to Take the UCPAE, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1977) and will not be republished.

The proposed repeal and new rule, also published in this issue, establishes that the applicant must take a minimum of 12 semester hours of the upper level accounting courses as listed with 3 semester hours of listed courses. In addition to those hours a minimum of 9 hours in the courses listed in the rule is required. Beginning on August 1, 2026 the applicant must take a minimum of 12 hours of additional courses listed in the rule. Courses that will not be accepted as coursework for certifications is specifically identified.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the repeal.

The repeal is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.57

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts a new rule to §511.57 concerning Courses in an Accounting Concentration to Take the UCPAE, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1972) and will not be republished.

The new rule establishes that the applicant must take a minimum of 12 semester hours of the upper level accounting courses as listed with 3 semester hours of listed courses. In addition to those hours a minimum of 9 hours in the courses listed in the rule is required. Beginning on August 1, 2026 the applicant must take a minimum of 12 hours of additional courses listed in the rule. Courses that will not be accepted as coursework for certifications is specifically identified.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the new rule.

The new rule is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.58

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.58 concerning Related Business Subjects, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1974) and will not be republished.

This proposed revision accepts an academic course in accounting/business software from an institution of higher education for purposes of satisfying the academic courses required to be certified.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.59

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.59 concerning Qualifications for Issuance of a Certificate with not Fewer than 120 Semester Hours, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1976) and will not be republished.

This proposed revision accepts an academic course in accounting/business software from an institution of higher education for purposes of satisfying the academic courses required to be certified.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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SUBCHAPTER D. CPA EXAMINATION

22 TAC §511.72

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.72 concerning Uniform Examination, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1978) and will not be republished.

The American Institute of CPAs has made some changes to the UCPAE. As a result, the disciplines included on the UCPAE have been revised. This proposed rule revision recognizes these revisions.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.73

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.73 concerning Notice to Applicant to Schedule Tak-

ing a CPA Exam Section, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1979) and will not be republished.

The effective date in paragraph (a) has expired and is no longer necessary in the rule.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.77

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.77 concerning Scoring, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1980) and will not be republished.

The UCPAE is no longer given quarterly. The proposed rule revision reflects that the testing as events. Replacing the word "communications" with "response" more accurately reflects the content of the UCPAE.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.80

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.80 concerning Granting of Credit, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1981) and will not be republished.

An applicant's passing score on any section of the UCPAE is good for 30 months from the notification date of passing the UCPAE but this period can be extended if the Executive Director extends the credit based upon unforeseeable or uncontrollable events. With the effective date of August 31, 2026 an applicant for CPA certification under §511.59 has 36 months to meet the education requirements for certification otherwise the exam results will expire.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.82

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.82 concerning Application for Transfer of Credits, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1983) and will not be republished.

An applicant wishing to transfer credits on the exam earned in another jurisdiction has 36 months to demonstrate that they have completed the education required to become licensed in Texas.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

No other article, statute or code is affected by the adoption.

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22 TAC §511.83

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.83 concerning Granting of Credit by Transfer of Credit, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1984) and will not be republished.

Clarifying that an applicant has 36 months after passing the CPA exam to meet the education requirements of 511.59 or 511.164.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

No other article, statute or code is affected by the adoption.

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22 TAC §511.87

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.87 concerning Loss of Credit, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1985) and will not be republished.

An applicant for certification whose exam credits have expired may seek reinstatement of those credits by demonstrating to the executor director uncontrollable and unforeseen circumstances caused those credits to expire. The applicant must seek reinstatement within 90 days of the credits expiration.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.94

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.94 concerning Documentation of the Need for an Accommodation, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1986) and will not be republished.

A proposed revision to the rule to make it clear that an applicant, who qualifies, may seek an accommodation in taking the UCPAE from the Board.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.97

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.97 concerning Examination of Applicant Approved with Accommodation, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1988) and will not be republished.

An applicant to take the UCPAE upon having received an accommodation to take the UCPAE must reimburse the Board for any charges the Board incurs as a result of the accommodations if the applicant fails to appear or cancels, or reschedules the exam without providing at least four days notice.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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SUBCHAPTER E. VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

22 TAC §511.107

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.107 concerning No-Show, Late Arrival and Late Cancellation, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1989) and will not be republished.

An applicant to take the UCPAE will be charged a testing fee if the applicant makes a request to cancel or reschedule less than 60 days prior to the UCPAE. This in addition to being charged at testing fee if they provide less than 6 days prior to the scheduled testing.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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SUBCHAPTER F. EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

22 TAC §511.122

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.122 concerning Acceptable Work Experience, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1990) and will not be republished.

Addresses the needs of acceptable work experience and requires the work experience necessary to be certified as supervised, evaluated and reviewed by a CPA. It also expresses the need to have received continuous independent thought on important accounting matters. There are also non-substantive grammatical changes proposed. It also addresses the expected work experience standards of an applicant reviewing accounting experiencing in a law firm providing accounting legal advices.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.123

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.123 concerning Reporting Work Experience, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1992) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule revision details the work experience provided by an applicant with 150 course work hours as opposed to an applicant seeking certification with a bachelor's degree. The applicant with 150 hours of course work requires 12 months of work experience and the applicant with a bachelor's degree and less than 150 hours, effective August 1, 2026, requires two years of work experience. Part time work for the applicant with a bachelor's degree must obtain 4,000 hours of work experience in no more than 48 months.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.124

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.124 concerning Acceptable Supervision, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1993) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule revision makes it clear that the firm the applicant is working for must be certified as a firm in order to provide acceptable work experience. It also clarifies that the firm the applicant works for may engage a CPA firm to supervise attest to an applicant's experience requirements when the firm does not directly employ a CPA to supervise the applicant. It makes it clear that it is the responsibility of the applicant and CPA to assure that the supervision was compliant with board requirements.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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SUBCHAPTER H. CERTIFICATION

22 TAC §511.161

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.161 concerning Qualifications for Issuance of a Certificate, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1994) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule implements the new legislation, effective August 1, 2026, that permits the certification of an applicant with a bachelor's degree and distinguishes those applicants from the applicants with 150 hours of coursework.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.163

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.163 concerning Examination on the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct Requirements, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1995) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule revision recognizes that an applicant for certification must pass a Board administered Rules of Professional Conduct exam and must wait at least 2 weeks before retaking that exam before retaking it.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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22 TAC §511.164

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy adopts an amendment to §511.164 concerning Qualification for Issuance of a Certificate with not Fewer than 150 Semester Hours, without changes to the proposed text as published in March 27, 2026 issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 1996) and will not be republished.

The proposed rule eliminates the minimum of two semester credit hours in research and analysis and changes the 30 semester hours of upper level accounting courses to 27 semester hours of upper level accounting courses for those applicants with a Bachelor's degree. It requires a 3 semester hour ethics course.

No comments were received regarding adoption of the amendment.

The amendment is adopted under the Public Accountancy Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, §901.151 and §901.655 which provides the agency with the authority to amend, adopt and repeal rules deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate the Act.

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TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES

PART 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 228. RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBCHAPTER H. REQUIREMENTS

APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS

25 TAC §228.221

The executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), adopts the repeal of §228.221 concerning Mobile Food Units.

Section 228.221 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the April 24, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 2584). The repeal will not be republished.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The repeal is necessary to remove an outdated rule related to the regulation and permitting of mobile food units, roadside food vendors, and pushcarts. House Bill (HB) 2844, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, created Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 437B, concerning Mobile Food Vendors (MFVs).

HB 2844 made significant changes to how MFVs are regulated, licensed, and inspected in Texas. New rules were proposed in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 25, Chapter 226, concerning Mobile Food Vendors. The new rules were published in the May 15, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 3374) and became effective May 19, 2026.

COMMENTS

The 14-day comment period ended on May 8, 2026.

DSHS did not receive any comments regarding the proposed repeal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The repeal is adopted under Texas Government Code §524.0151, which provides that the executive commissioner of HHSC shall adopt rules for the operation and provision of services by the health and human services system, Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) §1001.075, which authorizes the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules and policies for the operation and provision of health and human services by DSHS and for the administration of HSC Chapter 1001, and HSC Chapters 437 and 437B.

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CHAPTER 229. FOOD AND DRUG

The executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), adopts amendments to §229.372, concerning Permitting Fees and Procedures, and §229.472, concerning Inspection Fees and Procedures.

Sections 229.372 and 229.472 are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the April 24, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 2585). These rules will not be republished.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The amendments are necessary to remove references to the regulation and permitting of mobile food units, roadside food vendors, and pushcarts in 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 229, Subchapters U and Z as part of the implementation of House Bill (HB) 2844, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. HB 2844 added Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 437B, concerning mobile food vendors and made significant changes to how mobile food vendors are regulated, licensed, and inspected in Texas. DSHS proposed new rules in 25 TAC Chapter 226, concerning Mobile Food Vendors. The new rules were published in the May 15, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 3374) and became effective May 19, 2026. The adoption complies with statutory requirements of HB 2844

regarding licensing and fees and refers to the changes in the proposed new Chapter 226. The adoption also updates references in rules.

COMMENTS

The 14-day comment period ended May 8, 2026. DSHS did not receive any comments regarding the proposed rules.

SUBCHAPTER U. PERMITTING RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

25 TAC §229.372

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendment is adopted under Texas Government Code §524.0151, which provides that the executive commissioner of HHSC shall adopt rules for the operation and provision of services by the health and human services system, HSC §1001.075, which authorizes the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules and policies for the operation and provision of health and human services by DSHS and for the administration of HSC Chapter 1001, and HSC Chapters 437 and 437B.

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SUBCHAPTER Z. INSPECTION FEES FOR RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

25 TAC §229.472

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendment is adopted under Texas Government Code §524.0151, which provides that the executive commissioner of HHSC shall adopt rules for the operation and provision of services by the health and human services system, HSC §1001.075, which authorizes the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules and policies for the operation and provision of health and human services by DSHS and for the administration of HSC Chapter 1001, and HSC Chapters 437 and 437B.

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TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 53. FINANCE

SUBCHAPTER A. FEES

DIVISION 1. LICENSE, PERMIT, AND BOAT AND MOTOR FEES

31 TAC §53.15

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on January 22, 2026, adopted an amendment to 31 TAC §53.15, concerning Miscellaneous Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses and Permits, without change to the proposed text as published in the December 19, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 8158). The rule will not be republished.

The amendment acknowledges and documents in department rules the fee of \$50 for field trial permits issued under the provisions of Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter J.

The Texas Legislature during the most recent regular session enacted Senate Bill 2801, which added new Chapter 43, Subchapter J, to create a new type of field trial permit limited to the pursuit of squirrels, furbearing animals, and nongame wildlife on privately owned land or public lands authorized by the department by rule. The fee for the permit is set by statute at \$50; however, the department maintains by rule a list of fees for various permits and licenses and therefore wishes to add the new permit fee to keep that list contemporaneous and accurate.

The department received no comments opposing or supporting adoption of the rule as proposed.

The amendment is adopted under Parks and Wildlife Code, §43.0762, which authorizes the commission to adopt regulations necessary to administer that subchapter.

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CHAPTER 65. WILDLIFE
SUBCHAPTER H. PUBLIC HUNTING
PROCLAMATION

31 TAC §65.191, §65.194

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on January 22, 2026, adopted amendments to 31 TAC §65.191, concerning Definitions, and §65.194, concerning Competitive Hunting Dog Events and Fees, without change to the proposed text as published in the December 19, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 8180). The rules will not be republished.

The amendments remove all references to "field trial" and "field trial permits" and instead refer to those activities as "competitive hunting dog events," which is necessary to prevent confusion, as well as waive insurance and bond requirements for certain types of competitive hunting dog events conducted under the provisions of Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter J.

Under Parks and Wildlife Code, §62.016, the department is authorized to issue a permit for "competitive hunting dog events" in an area designated by the commission as a public hunting area and places no restrictions on the species that such permits may be used to pursue. Department rules (§65.194) therefore provide for the issuance and use of such permits, and employ the term "field trial" as a useful shorthand. Under Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter F, the department may issue a Private Bird Hunting Area Permit on private lands, and persons who hold such a permit may apply for a "field trial" permit as provided by Parks and Wildlife Code, §43.0763, which is limited to the pursuit of banded, pen-raised game birds.

The Texas Legislature during the most recent regular session enacted Senate Bill 2801, which added new Chapter 43, Subchapter J, to create another type of field trial permit limited to the pursuit of squirrels, furbearing animals, and nongame wildlife on privately owned land or public lands authorized by the department by rule. The department has determined that having three kinds of permits with the same or similar name that are valid for at least four different regulatory scenarios under multiple fee standards could create confusion; therefore, in rule adoptions published elsewhere in this issue of the *Texas Register* the department has created the "Field Trial Permit" explicitly required by S.B. 2801, while in this rulemaking eliminating references to "field trial permit," and instead referring to those activities as "competitive hunting dog events." The amendment also waives the insurance and bond requirements of the subchapter for events authorized under the provisions of S.B. 2801; requires all officials, participants, and spectators of events conducted under the provisions of S.B. 2801 to obtain and possess during all activities either a Limited Public Use (LPU) permit or Annual Public Hunting (APH) permit; makes changes to modernize program administration by requiring applicants to provide an email address as part of the contact information; and rephrases paragraph (9)(B) for clarification.

The department received no comments supporting or opposing adoption of the rules as proposed.

The amendments are adopted under Parks and Wildlife Code, §81.403, which authorizes the commission to issue a permit authorizing access to public hunting land or for specific hunting, fishing, recreational, or other use and to impose a fee, and under Parks and Wildlife Code, §81.404, which authorizes the com-

mission to adopt rules governing recreational activities in wildlife management areas.

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SUBCHAPTER W. SPECIAL PERMITS

31 TAC §65.908

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on January 22, 2026, adopted new 31 TAC §65.908, concerning Field Trial Permit, without change to the proposed text as published in the December 19, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 8182). The rule will not be republished.

The new rule implements provisions required or authorized under Senate Bill 2801, enacted during the Regular Session of the 89th Texas Legislature, which amended the Parks and Wildlife Code by adding new Chapter 43, Subchapter J, to create a field trial permit governing the pursuit of squirrels, furbearing animals, and nongame wildlife on privately owned land or public lands identified by commission rule. The fee for the permit is fixed by statute at \$50.

New subsection (a) explicitly identifies the field trial permit authorized by S.B. 2801 and clearly distinguishes it from other, similar types of permits already issued by the department under existing statutory and regulatory authority. The department wishes to eliminate, to the extent possible, any confusion with respect to various dog-related permits administered by the department.

New subsection (b) prescribes the process and content for applications for a field trial permit. The provision specifies that permits are to be issued to named individuals only, which is necessary to facilitate enforcement activities by providing for the clear identification of a responsible party with respect to conduct regulated under the rule. The provision also allows for the department to prescribe permit conditions necessary to manage and protect wildlife resources subject to permitted activities. Because Texas is a large state with many types of ecological systems and property conditions, the circumstances of any given permit cannot be anticipated and articulated by rule; therefore, the provision would allow the department to prescribe permit conditions unique to a given permit if necessary.

New subsection (c) requires the permittee or a designee to be present at all times during the period of validity of the permit, to possess a list of all participants present during the period of the validity of the permit (including identification and contact information), a map or boundary description of the property where the activity is taking place, and written landowner consent for permitted activities (if the permittee is not the landowner of the property where permitted activities are taking place), all of which are necessary to assist the department in determining regulatory

compliance. The new rule also requires all officials, participants, and spectators of events conducted on public hunting lands under the provisions of S.B. 2801 to obtain and possess during all activities either a Limited Public Use (LPU) permit or Annual Public Hunting (APH) permit, which provides an effective waiver of liability for the state in the absence of the liability insurance and bond requirements established by Chapter 65, Subchapter H for other types of hunting dog events.

New subsection (d) identifies the units of department-owned public lands where field trial permits under the provisions of the new section will be issued, which is required under the provisions of S.B. 2801; provided the activity does not occur during public hunting activities or interfere with research or management activities.

The department received nine comments opposing adoption of the rule as proposed. Of those comments, seven provided a reason or rationale for opposing adoption. Those comments, accompanied by the department's response to each, follow. The department notes that because most of the comments contained several components, the number of agency responses is greater than the total number of commenters.

Five commenters opposed adoption of the rule as proposed and stated that the department did not understand the intent of S.B. 2801. The department disagrees with the comments and responds that the rules were adopted in compliance with every directive and limitation imposed by the legislature in the bill as codified. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

One commenter opposed adoption of the rule as proposed and stated that the permit created by S.B. 2801 should be the only permit necessary for dog handlers to obtain, including for field trials conducted on public hunting lands. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that public lands, because they are owned in common by the public, are by their very nature shared, and in addition to the cost of maintaining and managing department-owned public hunting lands on behalf of the people of the state, the department is required by statute to ensure that opportunity for their enjoyment is distributed equitably, which is an administrative expense to the department that the department believes should be shared amongst user groups, irrespective of other permit and license requirements imposed by statute for various activities. Additionally, the LPU or APH permit functions as a waiver of liability that allows the department to exempt organizers of S.B. 2801 events from the liability insurance that would otherwise be required by rule for competitive hunting dog training events held on public hunting lands. Finally, the department issued 11,700 LPUs last year to persons participating in a wide variety of public hunting land utilization activities and does not believe the \$12 fee is onerous or unreasonable, especially since the permit can be used for many things on many units of public hunting lands and is valid for one year. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

Two commenters opposed adoption and stated that the intent of S.B. 2801 was for out-of-state field trial participants to be able to obtain a single permit to cover all activities in Texas on public or private lands. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that S.B. 2801 created a field trial permit allowing the pursuit of squirrels, furbearing animals, and nongame wildlife on privately owned land or public lands identified by commission rule, but did not exempt non-residents of Texas from the applicability of any regulations on public hunting lands that also apply to residents of Texas who engage in activities involving wildlife owned by the people of the state on lands owned by the peo-

ple of the state. The department further responds that the permit requirement for regulated activities on public hunting lands is necessary to provide an effective waiver of liability for the department in lieu of the liability insurance that would otherwise be required. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated, "it was understood that there would be no costs for participants to visit private, public, and forest lands." The department disagrees with the comment and responds that the rules as adopted establish (as required under the provisions of S.B. 2801) a field trial permit for use on private property and selected public hunting lands administered by the department, for which a cost is explicitly established by S. B. 2801 (\$50). The department further responds that the rules as adopted affect only the selected public hunting lands under the control of the department and that the department does not regulate other public lands owned, administered, or controlled by other units of local, state, or federal government. The department also notes that it is unlawful to enter or use private property without landowner consent. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated, "[T]hese are sanctioned hunts with their own HUNT RULES and regulations. These field trials are not an individual's event." The department neither agrees nor disagrees with the comment and responds that although private landowners may provide access to and opportunity for hunting, the regulation of hunting in the state of Texas as a legal matter is an exclusive power of the state. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated, "The point of S.B. 2801 was to allow for field trials for small game without having each out of state person have to purchase a license," and the department has "completely changed that in here and require a license on public hunting land." The commenter also stated that such activities in other states are mostly conducted on public lands. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that S.B. 2801 is silent on the matter of non-residents and does not exempt any person from the applicability of permit requirements for public use of public hunting lands, which is discussed in a previous response to comment. Finally, the department responds that it has no control over how similar events are permitted or conducted in other states. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

Four commenters opposed adoption and stated that the requirement for insurance /security bond would prevent small clubs from being able to purchase a permit. The department disagrees with the comments and responds that the rules as proposed and adopted specifically exempt persons who have purchased the field trial permit created by S.B. 2801 from the surety bond and insurance requirements of current rules in effect on public hunting lands. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

Two commenters opposed adoption and stated that the rules as proposed will result in lost revenue to the state because non-residents will be prevented from participation and will therefore not patronize lodging and food establishments in Texas. The department disagrees with the comments and responds, first, that the rules as adopted do not prevent anyone from coming to Texas to engage in the regulated activity, and second, that revenue implications to the state from non-resident participants in field trials, although not non-existent, are believed to be minor. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

One commenter opposed adoption of the rules as proposed and stated that "TPWD was in the room when we spoke to the Senate committee about this the first time and no comment was made to object to this bill at that time." The department disagrees with the comment and responds that it does not object to or otherwise militate for or against the passage or defeat of any legislation. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

The department received two comments supporting adoption of the rule as proposed.

The rule is adopted under the provisions of Senate Bill 2801 (R.S. 2025), which amended Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, by adding new Subchapter J, to authorize the commission to prescribe by rule the manner of application for and issuance of the field trial permit authorized by the subchapter, rules necessary to administer the subchapter, and rules to specify public lands where field trial permits under the subchapter may be issued.

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TITLE 34. PUBLIC FINANCE

PART 1. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

CHAPTER 9. PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

SUBCHAPTER M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

34 TAC §9.4321, §9.4323

The Comptroller of Public Accounts adopts amendments to §9.4321, concerning definitions and §9.4323, concerning application, without changes to the proposed text as published in the April 10, 2026, issue of the *Texas Register* (51 TexReg 2342). The rules will not be republished.

The amendments to §9.4321 update existing definitions for "local government" and "qualified local government."

The amendments to §9.4323 update the mapping requirement in subsection (b)(1), update the name of the report in subsection (b)(2)(B) and add a requirement for an applicant to provide the most recent decennial census data in subsection (b)(6).

The comptroller did not receive any comments regarding adoption of the amendments.

These amendments are adopted under Local Government Code, §140.011(i), which requires the comptroller to adopt rules necessary to implement Local Government, Code §140.011 (Local Governments Disproportionately Affected by Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans).

These amendments implement Local Government Code, §140.011 (Local Governments Disproportionately Affected by Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans).

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