

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 22

Sec. 22.073. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SECRETARY. (a) The secretary of the municipality shall attend each meeting of the governing body of the municipality and shall keep, in a record provided for that purpose, accurate minutes of the governing body's proceedings.

(b) The secretary shall:

(1) engross and enroll all laws, resolutions, and ordinances of the governing body;

(2) keep the corporate seal;

(3) take charge of, arrange, and maintain the records of the governing body;

(4) countersign all commissions issued to municipal officers and all licenses issued by the mayor, and keep a record of those commissions and licenses; and

(5) prepare all notices required under any regulation or ordinance of the municipality.

(c) Repealed by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1324, Sec. 5(2), eff. June 17, 2011.

(d) The secretary shall draw all the warrants on the treasurer, countersign the warrants, and keep, in a record provided for that purpose, an accurate account of the warrants.

(e) The secretary serves as the general accountant of the municipality and shall keep regular accounts of the municipal receipts and disbursements. The secretary shall keep each cause of receipt and disbursement separately and under proper headings. The secretary shall also keep separate accounts with each person, including each officer, who has monetary transactions with the municipality. The secretary shall credit accounts allowed by proper authority and shall specify the particular transaction to which each entry applies. The secretary shall keep records of the accounts and other information covered by this subsection.

(f) The secretary shall keep a register of bonds and bills issued by the municipality and all evidence of debt due and payable to the municipality, noting the relevant particulars and facts as they occur.

(g) The secretary shall carefully keep all contracts made by the governing body.

(h) The secretary shall perform all other duties required by law, ordinance, resolution, or order of the governing body.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1248, Sec. 47, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1184 (H.B. [3475](#)), Sec. 3(2), eff. September 1, 2011.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1324 (S.B. [480](#)), Sec. 5(2), eff. June 17, 2011.

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Sec. 22.074. CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARIES. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) A person may be certified to practice as a municipal secretary in this state. The person shall be granted a certificate on completion of a program of instruction for municipal secretaries conducted at an institution of higher education.

(c) A private association of secretaries of municipalities may contract with an institution of higher education to use the facilities of the institution to provide a program of instruction for municipal secretaries. The association shall develop the program with the assistance of the institution. The institution shall approve a program that meets qualifications for approval developed by the institution. The association shall conduct the program at the institution.

(d) A private association of secretaries that establishes a program of instruction under this section shall pay the costs of the program, including the payment of a reasonable fee to the institution that houses the program for the use of the institution's facilities. State funds may not be appropriated to finance a certification program established under this section.

(e) A private association of secretaries that establishes a program of instruction under this section shall issue a certificate to each person who successfully completes the program. A person who holds a certificate issued under this section must renew the certificate not later than five years after the date on which the original certificate was issued. The person may renew the certificate on completion of a supplementary program of instruction conducted at the institution of higher education.

(f) This section does not require a person to be certified as a municipal secretary in order to practice in that capacity.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.