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V.T.C.A Local Government Code §84.0085 (a) during each full term of office, a county auditor must successfully complete at least 40 classroom hours of instruction in courses relating to the duties of the county auditor and accredited by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy as continuing professional education credits for certified public accountants.

If two (2) district judges of a judicial district do not agree on a reappointment or appointment of a county auditor the current county auditor may continue to occupy the office until reappointed or a new appointment is made.

The question presented for your consideration is at §84.0085 (a) the phrase "during each full term of office..." does "full term" mean the original two (2) year appointment plus any additional time that is served because of a lack of appointment i.e. county auditor A served two (2) years of his original term but at the end of his term the district judges could not agree on an appointment, A continued as the county auditor, one year later the district judges agree on the appointment of B. Was A's full term (3) years?

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fidencio C. Ortiz", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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