

AN ACT

relating to entrance examinations for beginning positions in the fire and police departments of certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 143.025(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An eligibility list for a beginning position in the fire or police department may be created only as a result of a competitive examination held in the presence of each applicant for the position, except as provided by Subsections (d) and (e). The examination must be based on the person's general knowledge and aptitude [~~knowledge of and qualifications for fire fighting and work in the fire department or for police work and work in the police department~~] and must inquire into the applicant's general education and mental ability. A person may not be appointed to the fire or police department except as a result of the examination.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an entrance examination held on or after the effective date of this Act. An entrance examination held before the effective date of this Act and an eligibility list created from that examination are governed by the law in effect on the day the examination was held, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Cusick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2038 was passed by the House on April 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Nancy

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2038 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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