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H.B. No. 997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a municipality to prohibit police or
3 fire department employees from circulating or signing certain
4 employment petitions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 150, Local Government Code, is amended
7 by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 150.901. AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT POLICE OR FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES FROM CIRCULATING OR SIGNING CERTAIN
11 PETITIONS. A municipality may not adopt or enforce a charter
12 provision, ordinance, policy, or other measure that prohibits an
13 employee of the municipality's police or fire department from
14 circulating or signing a petition authorized by Chapter 142, 143,
15 or 174.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.