

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of a municipal civil service system for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.004(e), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) If the governing body of a municipality with a population of less than 950,000 that has operated under this chapter for at least one year receives a petition requesting an election to repeal this chapter that is signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, the governing body shall order an election submitting to the voters the question on whether this chapter should be repealed. If a majority of the qualified voters vote to repeal this chapter, this chapter is void in that municipality.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4227 was passed by the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4227 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 99, Nays 44, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4227 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor