

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, there are approximately 65 Texas municipalities that participate in civil service. The fire fighters and peace officers of those civil service cities are exempted from current state law which requires a signed complaint against an officer or fire fighter to be delivered to that officer or fire fighter within a reasonable time after the complaint is filed. In many cases the complaint is delivered to a peace officer or fire fighter in a manner that does not allow the individual to respond before disciplinary action is taken. As proposed, S.B. 1068 requires that a signed complaint against any peace officer or fire fighter be delivered within a reasonable time after the complaint is filed.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 614.021, Government Code, to provide that this subchapter applies only to a complaint against a fire fighter or police officer.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 614.023, Government Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to require a copy of the signed complaint, if a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or police officer is required to respond to a complaint against the officer or fire fighter, to be given to the officer or fire fighter within a reasonable time before the date on which the officer or fire fighter is required to respond.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.