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H.B. No. 958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to eligibility for a beginning position in a police
3 department under municipal civil service.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 143.023(c), Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) A person who is 45 years of age or older may not be
8 certified for a beginning position in a police department. A person
9 who is 36 years of age or older and under 45 may not be certified as
10 eligible for a beginning position in a police department unless the
11 person has:

12 (1) at least five years of [~~years~~] experience as a
13 peace officer;

14 (2) [~~or~~] at least five years of military experience;
15 or

16 (3) any combination of experience as a peace officer
17 and military experience totaling at least five years.

18 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

19 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a
20 certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a police
21 department that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.