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H.B. No. 3353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the probationary period of a person appointed to a
3 beginning position in a fire department in certain municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 143.027, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) A person appointed to a beginning position in the [~~fire~~
9 ~~or~~] police department must serve a probationary period of one year
10 beginning on that person's date of employment as a [~~fire fighter,~~
11 police officer~~,~~] or academy trainee.

12 (a-1) A person appointed to a beginning position in the fire
13 department must serve a probationary period of not less than one
14 year or more than two years beginning on that person's date of
15 employment as a fire fighter or academy trainee. The length of the
16 probationary period may be established by ordinance. If the length
17 of the period is not established by ordinance, the commission after
18 consulting with the head of the fire department shall establish the
19 length of the period.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
21 probationary period of a person appointed to a beginning position
22 in a fire department on or after the effective date of this Act. The
23 probationary period of a person appointed to a beginning position
24 in a fire department before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect on the date the person was appointed,
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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