

Amend **SB 863** (introduced version) by striking SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 6-22) and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 143.032, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (j), each ~~Each~~ eligible promotional candidate shall be given an identical examination in the presence of the other eligible promotional candidates.

(j) If an eligible promotional candidate who is serving on active military duty is unable to take the examination in the presence of the other eligible promotional candidates because of circumstances related to the candidate's service on active military duty, the candidate may take the examination outside of the presence of the other candidates and at a different time than the other candidates. The commission may adopt rules under Subsection (a) providing for the efficient administration of promotional examinations to eligible promotional candidates who are members of the armed forces serving on active military duty. The rules shall require that, if a candidate serving on active military duty takes a promotional examination outside the presence of other candidates and passes the examination, the candidate's name shall be included in the eligibility list of names of promotional candidates who took and passed the identical examination.