

By: Harper-Brown

H.B. No. 148

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 148:

By: Wong

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the probationary period of persons appointed to
3 beginning positions in certain fire or police departments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 143.027(a), Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A person appointed to a beginning position in the fire
8 or police department must serve a probationary period of one year
9 beginning on that person's date of employment as a fire fighter,
10 police officer, or academy trainee. The commission by rule may
11 extend the probationary period by not longer than six months for
12 persons who must attend a basic training academy necessary for
13 initial certification by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or
14 the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
16 143.027(a), Local Government Code, applies only in relation to a
17 person whose date of employment for purposes of that law is on or
18 after the effective date of this Act. A person whose date of
19 employment for purposes of that law is before the effective date of
20 this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
21 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.