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H.B. No. 148

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 18 months  
9 [~~one year~~] beginning on that person's date of employment as a fire  
10 fighter, police officer, or academy trainee.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
12 143.027(a), Local Government Code, applies only to a person whose  
13 date of employment for purposes of that law is on or after the  
14 effective date of this Act. A person whose date of employment for  
15 purposes of that law is before the effective date of this Act is  
16 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
17 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
18 purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.