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H.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of a sheriff, municipal police officer,
3 and firefighter to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 421.021, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a-1) In addition to the members described by Subsection
9 (a), the governor shall appoint a sheriff, municipal police
10 officer, and firefighter who will each serve as a member of the
11 council. The office of the governor shall develop and implement
12 application procedures to assist with the governor's selection of
13 appointees under this section who are capable of representing the
14 interests of law enforcement officers and first responders across
15 this state.

16 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), to [To] be
17 eligible for appointment as a member of the council, a person must
18 be directly involved in the policies, programs, or funding
19 activities of the appointing agency, office, or division that are
20 relevant to homeland security or infrastructure protection.

21 SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of
22 this Act:

23 (1) the office of the governor shall develop and
24 implement application procedures for selecting appointees from

1 among the sheriffs, municipal police officers, and firefighters who
2 are interested in serving as members of the Critical Infrastructure
3 Protection Council in accordance with Section 421.021(a-1),
4 Government Code, as added by this Act; and

5 (2) the governor shall make appropriate appointments
6 of the initial sheriff, municipal police officer, and firefighter
7 who will serve on the council under that section.

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