

1-1 By: Talton (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2457
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 12, 2005, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 12, 2005, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the entrance requirements, base pay, and longevity pay
1-10 in certain municipalities for a police officer who has previous
1-11 experience as a police officer.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 143, Local Government
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 143.1055 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 143.1055. APPLICANT FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE
1-16 DEPARTMENT WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. Notwithstanding any other
1-17 requirement of this chapter, for any applicant for a beginning
1-18 position in the police department who has previous experience as a
1-19 police officer with another police department, the police
1-20 department may:

1-21 (1) modify the police officer training academy
1-22 requirements for the applicant; and

1-23 (2) allow the applicant to take the entrance
1-24 examination before completing the academy training.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 143.110, Local Government Code, is
1-26 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) and Section
1-29 143.111, all fire fighters or police officers in the same
1-30 classification are entitled to the same base salary.

1-31 (c) In computing longevity pay and base pay under this
1-32 section for a police officer who has completed the department's
1-33 academy training requirements, the police department may include
1-34 the number of years, not to exceed five, that the police officer
1-35 served in another police department.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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