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S.B. No. 1421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eligibility for beginning positions in certain police
3 and fire departments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 143, Section 143.025,
6 Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read
7 as follows:

8 (j) Notwithstanding Subsection (i), each applicant who is
9 either a natural-born or adopted child of a fire fighter who
10 previously suffered a line-of-duty death while covered by this
11 chapter shall be ranked at the top of any eligibility list in which
12 said applicant receives a minimum passing grade on that respective
13 eligibility exam. The deceased fire fighter's applicant child must
14 otherwise satisfy all of the requirements for eligibility for a
15 beginning position in a fire department contained in this chapter.
16 This commission shall promulgate rules to identify and verify each
17 applicant's eligibility for applicability of this subsection.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.