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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 Sec. 143.025. ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS. (j) Notwithstanding
9 subsection (i), each applicant who is either a natural-born or
10 adopted child of a fire fighter who previously suffered a
11 line-of-duty death while covered by this chapter, shall be ranked
12 at the top of any eligibility list in which said applicant receives
13 a minimum passing grade on that respective eligibility exam. The
14 deceased fire fighter's applicant child must otherwise satisfy all
15 of the requirements for eligibility for a beginning position in a
16 fire department contained in this Chapter. The Commission shall
17 promulgate rules to identify and verify each applicant's
18 eligibility for applicability of this subsection.

19 SECTION 2. 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.