

1-1 By: Gallegos S.B. No. 1421
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; April 12, 2005, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 12, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to eligibility for beginning positions in certain police
1-9 and fire departments.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 143, Section 143.025,
1-12 Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read
1-13 as follows:

1-14 (j) Notwithstanding Subsection (i), each applicant who is
1-15 either a natural-born or adopted child of a fire fighter who
1-16 previously suffered a line-of-duty death while covered by this
1-17 chapter shall be ranked at the top of any eligibility list in which
1-18 said applicant receives a minimum passing grade on that respective
1-19 eligibility exam. The deceased fire fighter's applicant child must
1-20 otherwise satisfy all of the requirements for eligibility for a
1-21 beginning position in a fire department contained in this chapter.
1-22 This commission shall promulgate rules to identify and verify each
1-23 applicant's eligibility for applicability of this subsection.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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