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H.B. No. 2321

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to determining population for the creation of civil
3 service systems in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 158.002, Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 158.002. ELIGIBLE COUNTIES. (a) A county with a
8 population of 200,000 or more may, in accordance with this
9 subchapter, create a county civil service system to include all the
10 employees of the county who are not exempted from the system by the
11 express terms or judicial interpretations of this subchapter or by
12 the operation of Subchapter B.

13 (b) The population of a county under this subchapter is
14 determined by the most recent:

15 (1) federal decennial census; or

16 (2) annual population estimate provided by the state
17 demographer under Chapter 468, Government Code, if that estimate is
18 more recent than the most recent federal decennial census.

19 (c) The application of this subchapter to the county is not
20 affected if the county's population changes and the county no
21 longer meets the population requirement of Subsection (a).

22 SECTION 2. Section 158.032, Local Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 158.032. ELIGIBLE DEPARTMENTS. (a) A sheriff's

1 department in a county with a population of more than 500,000 may,
2 in accordance with this subchapter, create a civil service system.

3 (b) The population of a county under this subchapter is
4 determined in the manner prescribed by Section 158.002(b).

5 (c) The application of this subchapter to the county is not
6 affected if the county's population changes and the county no
7 longer meets the population requirement of Subsection (a).

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, 2007.