

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 342
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 26, 2007; February 14, 2007,
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1-4 Relations; February 28, 2007, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning position in a
1-9 police department in certain municipalities under municipal civil
1-10 service.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 143.105. ELIGIBILITY FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE
1-15 DEPARTMENT. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements
1-16 prescribed by Section 143.023, to be certified as eligible for a
1-17 beginning position with a police department, a person must~~+~~

1-18 ~~(1)~~ be at least 21 years of age at the end of the
1-19 probationary period and have:~~+~~

1-20 (1) ~~(2) have~~ served in the United States armed
1-21 forces and received an honorable discharge; ~~or~~

1-22 (2) ~~(3) have~~ earned at least 60 hours' credit in any
1-23 area of study at an accredited college or university; or

1-24 (3) been employed full-time for at least five years as
1-25 a peace officer licensed by:

1-26 (A) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
1-27 Standards and Education; or

1-28 (B) an acceptable licensing entity in another
1-29 state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements
1-30 substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations
1-31 Code.

1-32 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-33 to a certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a
1-34 police department that occurs on or after the effective date of this
1-35 Act.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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