

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3677
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, many small general law cities with low populations, experience great difficulty finding community members to serve on various boards and councils. Often times, the same individuals are forced to serve in multiple capacities.

H.B. 3677 would only apply to a Type A general-law municipality with a population of 1,000 or less. H.B. 3677 would allow the governing body of the municipality to adopt an ordinance that allows a person who is a resident of the municipality or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality to be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appoint to an office of the municipality.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant rulemaking authority to any state agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 22.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.013. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

(a) applies only to a Type A general-law municipality with a population of 1,000 or less.

(b) Permits the governing body of the municipality, notwithstanding a residency requirement under any other law, to adopt an ordinance that allows a person who is a resident of the municipality or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality to be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, an office of the municipality.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Provides that this act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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