

1-1 By: Turner of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 780
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2009;
1-3 April 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 22, 2009, reported favorably by
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning police
1-9 department position in certain municipalities under municipal
1-10 civil 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 be at
1-18 least 21 years of age at the end of the probationary period and
1-19 have:

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

1-22 (2) earned at least 60 hours' credit in any area of
1-23 study at an accredited college or university, of which not more than
1-24 12 hours' credit may be earned for training at the police officer
1-25 training academy operated or sponsored by the municipality; or

1-26 (3) been employed full-time for at least five years as
1-27 a peace officer licensed by:

1-28 (A) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
1-29 Standards and Education; or

1-30 (B) an acceptable licensing entity in another
1-31 state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements
1-32 substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations
1-33 Code.

1-34 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-35 to a certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a
1-36 police department that occurs on or after the effective date of this
1-37 Act.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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