

1 AN ACT

2 relating to coverage under a meet and confer agreement for certain
3 municipal firefighters and police officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 147.002, Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 147.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

8 (1) "Firefighter" means a firefighter employed by the
9 municipality who is covered by the municipality's fire pension plan
10 and is classified by the municipality as nonexempt [~~exempt~~]. The
11 term does not include a firefighter with a rank that is above that
12 of battalion chief or section chief.

13 (2) "Firefighter employee group" means an
14 organization:

15 (A) in which, on or before September 1, 2007,
16 firefighters of the municipality have participated and paid dues
17 via automatic payroll deduction [~~for at least one year~~]; and

18 (B) that exists for the purpose, in whole or in
19 part, of dealing with the municipality concerning grievances, labor
20 disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions
21 of employment affecting firefighters.

22 (3) "Police officer" means a sworn police officer
23 employed by the municipality who is covered by the municipality's
24 police pension plan and is classified by the municipality as

1 nonexempt [~~exempt~~]. The term does not include a police officer with
2 a rank above that of captain, a civilian, or a municipal marshal.

3 (4) "Police officer employee group" means an
4 organization:

5 (A) in which, on or before September 1, 2007, at
6 least three percent of the police officers of the municipality have
7 participated and paid dues via automatic payroll deduction [~~for at~~
8 ~~least one year~~]; and

9 (B) that exists for the purpose, in whole or in
10 part, of dealing with the municipality concerning grievances, labor
11 disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions
12 of employment affecting police officers.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2307 was passed by the House on April 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2307 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor