

AN ACT

relating to eligibility to take the entrance examination for a beginning position in the fire department.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 143.023, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not take an entrance examination for a beginning position in the [~~fire or~~] police department unless the person is at least 18 years of age. A person may not take an entrance examination for a beginning position in the fire department unless the person is at least 18 years of age but not 36 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection (a), Section 143.023, Local Government Code, applies only to an entrance examination given on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 461 passed the Senate on April 2, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 461 passed the House on May 19, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 3, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor