

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 2583
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 12, 2009; May 12, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
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1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 13, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to coverage under a meet and confer agreement for certain
1-9 municipal firefighters and police officers.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 147.002, Local Government Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 147.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-14 (1) "Firefighter" means a firefighter employed by the
1-15 municipality who is covered by the municipality's fire pension plan
1-16 and is classified by the municipality as nonexempt ~~[exempt]~~. The
1-17 term does not include a firefighter with a rank that is above that
1-18 of battalion chief or section chief.

1-19 (2) "Firefighter employee group" means an
1-20 organization:

1-21 (A) in which, on or before September 1, 2007,
1-22 firefighters of the municipality have participated and paid dues
1-23 via automatic payroll deduction ~~[for at least one year]~~; and

1-24 (B) that exists for the purpose, in whole or in
1-25 part, of dealing with the municipality concerning grievances, labor
1-26 disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions
1-27 of employment affecting firefighters.

1-28 (3) "Police officer" means a sworn police officer
1-29 employed by the municipality who is covered by the municipality's
1-30 police pension plan and is classified by the municipality as
1-31 nonexempt ~~[exempt]~~. The term does not include a police officer with
1-32 a rank above that of captain, a civilian, or a municipal marshal.

1-33 (4) "Police officer employee group" means an
1-34 organization:

1-35 (A) in which, on or before September 1, 2007, at
1-36 least three percent of the police officers of the municipality have
1-37 participated and paid dues via automatic payroll deduction ~~[for at~~
1-38 ~~least one year]~~; and

1-39 (B) that exists for the purpose, in whole or in
1-40 part, of dealing with the municipality concerning grievances, labor
1-41 disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions
1-42 of employment affecting police officers.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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