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S.B. No. 1045

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to examinations for hiring in certain municipal fire  
3 departments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 143.025, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (1) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (b) An eligibility list for a beginning position in the fire  
9 or police department may be created only as a result of a  
10 competitive examination held in the presence of each applicant for  
11 the position, except as provided by Subsections (d), ~~and~~ (e), and  
12 (1). The examination must be based on the person's general  
13 knowledge and aptitude and must inquire into the applicant's  
14 general education and mental ability. A person may not be appointed  
15 to the fire or police department except as a result of the  
16 examination.

17 (1) In a municipality with a population of more than 1.35  
18 million and less than 2 million, an examination for a beginning  
19 position in the fire department may include testing mechanisms to  
20 be used in addition to the written examination.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.