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H.B. No. 2896

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the period for which eligibility lists for beginning positions in certain municipal fire departments are effective.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.025(1), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) This subsection applies only to [In] a municipality with a population of more than 1.3 million and less than 2 million. An[~~r~~ ~~an~~] examination for a beginning position in the fire department may include testing instruments to be used in addition to the written examination in the establishment of the initial eligibility list. Notwithstanding Subsection (h), the commission shall keep each eligibility list for a beginning position in the fire departments in effect for a period of not less than six months or more than 24 months, unless the names of all applicants on the list have been referred to the appropriate department. The commission shall determine the length of the period. The commission shall give new examinations at times the commission considers necessary to provide required staffing for scheduled fire training academies.

SECTION 2. 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, 2013.