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H.B. No. 1561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to entrance examinations for applicants for beginning positions in fire and police departments in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.025, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) and amending Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(f-1) In a municipality with a population of more than 1.3 million and less than 2 million, an additional five points shall be added to the examination grade of an applicant who:

(1) is a resident of the municipality in which the applicant seeks employment;

(2) has resided in the municipality continuously for at least one year before taking the examination; and

(3) receives a passing grade on the examination.

(i) The grade to be placed on the eligibility list for each applicant shall be computed by adding an applicant's points under Subsections [Subsection] (f) and (f-1), if any, to the applicant's grade on the written examination. Each applicant's grade on the written examination is based on a maximum grade of 100 percent and is determined entirely by the correctness of the applicant's answers to the questions. The minimum passing grade on the examination is 70 percent. An applicant must pass the examination to be placed on an eligibility list.

1 SECTION 2. Section [143.025](#), Local Government Code, as
2 amended by this Act, applies only to an examination administered on
3 or after the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.