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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1171 |
| By: Cole |
| Urban Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services personnel are currently entitled to civil service status under Chapter 143, Local Government Code, which applies that entitlement to a municipality with a population of 460,000 or more that operates under a city manager form of government. In May 2021, Austin voters rejected a proposition to change from a city manager form of government to a strong mayor-council form of government, which would have excluded Austin-Travis County EMS from civil service status. H.B. 1171 seeks to ratify and preserve this status for Austin-Travis County EMS, in the event that Austin voters change the type of city government in the future. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 1171 amends the Local Government Code to expand the authorization for a municipality with a population of 460,000 or more to elect to adopt or repeal provisions regarding the civil service status of emergency medical services personnel to include a municipality that operated under a city manager form of government on the date the municipality adopted those provisions. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023. |