

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Several municipalities across the state have raised concerns regarding the repeal of municipal civil service systems for fire and police departments. H.B. 4227 seeks to address these concerns by restricting the requirement to order an election for the repeal of the municipal civil service system for firefighters and police officers to municipalities below a certain population threshold.

H.B. 4227 amends current law relating to the repeal of a municipal civil service system for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 143.004(e), Local Government Code, to require the governing body of a municipality with a population of less than 900,000 that has operated under Chapter 143 (Municipal Civil Service for Firefighters and Police Officers) for at least one year, if the governing body of receives a petition requesting an election to repeal this chapter that is signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, to order an election submitting to the voters the question on whether Chapter 143 should be repealed.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.