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H.B. No. 2782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the age limit for a beginning position in a fire department under municipal civil service.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 143.023(a) and (c), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not take an entrance examination for a beginning position in a [the] police or fire department unless the person is at least 18 years of age. ~~[A person may not take an entrance examination for a beginning position in the fire department unless the person is at least 18 years of age but not 36 years of age or older.]~~

(c) A person who is 45 years of age or older may not be certified for a beginning position in a police or fire department.

SECTION 2. Section 143.083(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a municipality is unable to recruit qualified fire fighters or police officers because of the maximum age limit prescribed by Section 143.023 and the municipality's governing body finds that this inability creates an emergency, the commission shall recommend to the governing body additional rules governing the temporary employment of persons who are 45 ~~[36]~~ years of age or older.

SECTION 3. Section 143.023(b), Local Government Code, is

1 repealed.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.