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H.B. No. 2713

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of a municipal civil service system for  
firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.004(e), Local Government Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(e) If the governing body of a municipality with a  
population of less than 70,000 [~~950,000~~] that has operated under  
this chapter for at least one year 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, the governing  
body shall order an election submitting to the voters the question  
on whether this chapter should be repealed. If a majority of the  
qualified voters vote to repeal this chapter, this chapter is void  
in that municipality.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
to a petition for which an election has not been ordered before the  
effective date of this Act. A petition for which an election has  
been ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law  
is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. 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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.