

1-1 By: Darby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2713
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
1-3 May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Bettencourt	X			
1-9	Middleton	X			
1-10	Cook	X			
1-11	Gutierrez	X			
1-12	Nichols	X			
1-13	Paxton	X			
1-14	West	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the repeal of a municipal civil service system for
1-18 firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section [143.004](#)(e), Local Government Code, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (e) If the governing body of a municipality with a
1-23 population of less than 50,000 [~~950,000~~] that has operated under
1-24 this chapter for at least one year receives a petition requesting an
1-25 election to repeal this chapter that is signed by at least 10
1-26 percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, the governing
1-27 body shall order an election submitting to the voters the question
1-28 on whether this chapter should be repealed. If a majority of the
1-29 qualified voters vote to repeal this chapter, this chapter is void
1-30 in that municipality.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-32 to a petition for which an election has not been ordered before the
1-33 effective date of this Act. A petition for which an election has
1-34 been ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-35 the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law
1-36 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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