

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires the Firefighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission to provide the classification of fire fighters and police officers. S.B. 554 would reclassify the position of fire marshal in certain municipal fire departments.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 554 reclassifies the position of fire marshal in certain municipal fire departments.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 143G, Local Government Code, by adding Section 143.1025, as follows:

Sec. 143.1025. CLASSIFICATION OF FIRE MARSHAL. (a) Requires the municipality's governing body to establish the classification of fire marshal by ordinance, in addition to other firefighter classifications created in accordance with Section 143.021.

(b) Authorizes the classified position of fire marshal to only be filled from an eligibility list that results from an examination held in accordance with this chapter.

(c) Provides that the failure of the governing body to establish the fire marshal position by ordinance does not result in the loss of civil service benefits by a person entitled to civil service protection or appointed to the position in substantial compliance with this chapter.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.