

Amend CSSB 1433 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Section 143.005, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.005. STATUS OF EMPLOYEES IF CHAPTER ADOPTED.

(a) Each fire fighter or police officer serving in a municipality that adopts this chapter and who has been in the service of the municipality for more than six months at the time this chapter is adopted and who is entitled to civil service classification has the status of a civil service employee and is not required to take a competitive examination to remain in the position the person occupies at the time of the adoption.

(b) Emergency medical services personnel who work in the fire department or another municipal department of a municipality that has adopted this chapter, and whose primary duties are to provide emergency medical services, are considered to be members of the fire department performing fire medical emergency technology who are fire fighters entitled to civil service protection. Such emergency medical services personnel shall not be considered members of the fire fighters' bargaining unit in a municipality that has adopted Chapter 174. Such personnel who have been in the service of the municipality for six months on the later of the date this chapter is adopted, or this subsection is added by amendment, have the status of civil service employees and are not required to take a competitive examination to remain in the positions they occupy on that date.

(c) "Emergency medical services personnel" as used in this Section has the meaning assigned by Health and Safety Code Section 773.003. The term applies only to individuals certified under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

(d) If emergency medical services personnel covered by this Chapter work in a municipal department other than the fire department, the department head of such other municipal department will be appointed in accordance with Section 143.013, and will have all duties assigned to the department head by this Chapter.