

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law requires the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission to provide the classification of all fire fighters and police officers. The municipality's governing body establishes the classifications by ordinance. This bill would prohibit a municipality's governing body from abolishing any classified fire fighter positions, unless an agreement is reached between the fire fighter's association and the municipality.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 444 prohibits a municipality's governing body from abolishing any classified fire fighter position.

### **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 143.1052, as follows:

Sec. 143.1052. ABOLISHMENT OF CLASSIFIED POSITIONS. (a) Prohibits a municipality's governing body from abolishing any classified fire fighter position which existed in the municipality on January 1, 1999, except as provided in Subsection (c).

(b) Requires nothing in this section to prevent the municipality's governing body from establishing additional fire fighter classifications, or increasing the number of positions from within a classification, pursuant to Section 143.021. Prohibits such positions, once created, from thereafter being abolished except as provided in Subsection (c).

(c) Authorizes a classified position created by the municipality's governing body by ordinance pursuant to Section 143.021 to be abolished only by agreement between the fire fighter's association, which is the exclusive bargaining agent for the municipality's covered fire fighters, and the municipality made pursuant to Subchapter H.

SECTION 2. Effective date: June 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.