

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, a person over the age of 36 is allowed to take the entrance examination to become a firefighter in order for the examination to be compliant with the requirement that more than one person take the examination at a time, even though said person is not eligible for hiring due to that person's age.

As proposed, S.B. 461 prohibits a person 36 years of age or older from taking the firefighter entrance examination.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 143.023(a), Local Government Code, to prohibit a person from taking an entrance examination for a beginning position in the police department unless the person is at least 18 years of age. Prohibits a person from taking an entrance examination for a beginning position in the fire department unless the person is at least 18 years of age but not 36 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.