

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, small towns have difficulty finding enough people to fill municipal positions such as firefighters, police reserve members, or EMS volunteers. Some members of the governing body may wish to fill these positions by serving in these volunteer capacities; however, current law does not allow for this type of dual service. As proposed, S.B. 738 allows a governing official in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 to serve as a volunteer for an organization that protects the health, safety, or welfare of the municipality.

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 the heading to Chapter 21, Local Government Code, as follows:

CHAPTER 21. New heading: GENERAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GOVERNING BODY OF MUNICIPALITY

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 21A, Local Government Code, by adding section 21.002, as follows:

Sec. 21.002. MEMBERS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY VOLUNTEER. Provides that this section applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 10,000. Authorizes a member of the governing board of a municipality to serve as a volunteer for an organization that protects the health, safety, or welfare of the municipality regardless of whether the organization is funded or supported in whole or part by the municipality.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.