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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows promotional examinations for firefighters to be oral as well as written.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law governing the form of firefighter promotional examinations

Current law requires that vacancies in positions above the rank of regular firefighter in a city or civil service township (see **COMMENT**) fire department be filled by competitive promotional examinations. Promotional examinations must relate to those matters that test the ability of the person examined to discharge the particular duties of the position sought and *must be in writing*, although examinations for positions requiring the operation of machines or equipment may include practical demonstration tests of the operation of the machines or equipment. (Sec. 124.45.)

Change proposed by the bill

The bill allows firefighter promotional examinations to be *either written or oral*, and maintains the provision of existing law that authorizes these examinations to include practical demonstration tests (sec. 124.45).

COMMENT

A "civil service township" is a township that has (1) a population of 10,000 or more in its unincorporated territory, (2) its own fire or police department employing ten or more full-time paid employees, and (3) a civil service commission established by the board of township trustees. A civil service township must comply with the procedure for the employment, promotion, and discharge of city firefighters required under the state Civil Service Law. (Secs. 124.40(B) and 505.38(C), not in the bill.)

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