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Any city with a population of 2,000 or more that has a fire department with two or more regularly employed and paid firefighters, excluding first class cities, may establish a firefighters' civil service commission.

The statute goes back to 1929 and the legislature updated three provisions of it.

First, the law now provides that vacancies on the commission be filled by appointment within 90 days, increased from 30 days. It also allows a commission to determine when to select officers and where to meet, the language specifying those terms having been stricken. Finally, it is no longer a misdemeanor for a firefighter subject to a commission to make donations to or solicit for any political party or purpose.

Amends Minn. Stat. §§ 420.03, 420.04, 420.16, effective August 1, 2017.