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## Overview

Any city with a population of 2,000 or more, excluding cities of the first class, having a fire department consisting of two or more regularly employed and paid firefighters, may establish a firefighters' civil service commission by ordinance. This bill modifies provisions governing a commission. This chapter of statute dates back to 1929, with some changes in 1945 that are amended in this bill.

## **Section**

- Membership; duties; terms. Requires vacancies in a police and firefighters' civil service commission to be filled by appointment within 90 days, increased from 30 days. This section dates back to 1945.
- Meetings. Allows a commission to determine when to select officers and where to meet by striking the requirement for selection of officers at the meeting held on the first Monday in February of each year and the requirement that the commission meet at city hall. This section dates back to 1929 and 1945.
- 3 **Certain acts misdemeanors.** Strikes the provision that donations to or solicitations for any political party or political purpose is a misdemeanor. This section dates back to 1929.