

Present constitution vests state and city civil service commissions with broad and general rulemaking and subpoena powers for the administration and regulation of the classified service which includes the power to adopt rules regulating compensation and disbursements to employees, and to adopt a uniform pay and classification plan for classified employees.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by a bona fide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions, from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such police agency of the state or its political subdivisions and who serve the welfare of the public in the capacity of a police officer by providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling waterways and riverfront areas.

Proposed constitutional amendment additionally authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for fire protection officers employed by a port authority from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those fire protection officers employed on a full-time basis who provide fire protection services to a port authority.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 20, 2007.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec.10(A)(1))