

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing constitution creates a fire and police civil service system applicable to municipalities of over 13,000 in population and parishes and fire protection districts. Provides that the system is subject to Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 constitution made statutory by the 1974 constitution. Existing law creates and provides for two fire and police civil service systems: (1) one applicable to any municipality which operates paid police and fire departments and which has a population of not fewer than 13,000 persons; and (2) one applicable to any parish, fire protection district, or municipality with a population of fewer than 13,000, but not fewer than 7,000 persons.

Existing law requires that each person selected for appointment to an entry-level position in the classified service who has demonstrated successful completion of formal training as provided in existing law prior to appointment to immediately begin the working test. Requires any person who has not demonstrated successful completion of formal training to be employed as a recruit and to immediately begin formal training. Existing law requires that the formal training be provided for through the appointing authority for a period of not more than six months from the date of appointment.

Existing law requires that successful completion of formal training as required by existing law for a position in the classification of firefighter or firefighter/operator be demonstrated by certification as Firefighter I in accordance with National Fire Protection Assoc. Standard 1001.

Existing law includes an exception for persons selected for appointment to an entry-level position as a firefighter in the cities of Baton Rouge, Bossier City, and Lafayette and Fire Protection District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish. Prohibits any such person from starting the working test period until the person successfully completes a fire training academy whether or not the person was certified as Firefighter I in accordance with National Fire Protection Assoc. Standard 1001 prior to appointment. Existing law authorizes the appointing authority to provide for the duration of the fire training academy. Requires a recruit to immediately begin the working test period upon successful completion of the fire training academy.

New law makes existing law requiring completion of a fire training academy applicable to the city of Houma.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 33:2495.3(A))