

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 438

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to the classified police service in the city of Baton Rouge

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2494(C)(4), relative to the city of Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the
3 classified police service; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of
4 eligible persons; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:2494(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2494. Certification and appointment

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12 C.

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14 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the city
15 of Baton Rouge a vacant position in the police department shall be filled in the
16 following manner:

17 (a) If a vacancy cannot be filled by reinstatement or by reemployment as
18 provided in Subsections A and B of this Section, the board shall next certify the
19 names of the persons on the promotional list, in the order in which they appear
20 thereon, for the class in which the vacancy is to be filled.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an additional exception applicable to the city of Baton Rouge. Requires the appointing authority to select and appoint to any vacancy to be filled a person certified to him as a person who is among the five highest in departmental seniority.

(Adds R.S. 33:2494(C)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Require the appointing authority to appoint a person certified to him who is among the five, rather than ten, highest in departmental seniority.
2. Remove authorization granted to the board to establish a committee to conduct interviews of persons certified to the appointing authority.
3. Remove reference to present law provisions relative to persons appointed but unable to begin the working test period due to work-related illness, injury, or incapacity.