

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR NEVERS

LOCAL OFFICIALS. Provides relative to the positions of fire chief and police chief in the city of Bogalusa. (8/15/11)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2570, relative to the positions of fire chief and police chief in the city of Bogalusa; to provide that such positions are in the unclassified service; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to qualifications; to provide relative to resignation from and return to the classified service; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2570 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2570. Fire chief and police chief; city of Bogalusa; unclassified service

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the positions of fire chief and police chief for the city of Bogalusa shall be in the unclassified service, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such positions is vested in the mayor of the city of Bogalusa. The appointments of the fire chief and police chief shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of the city of Bogalusa. Any person appointed to the position of fire chief or police chief shall meet all qualifications and

- 1 requirements as provided by the city of Bogalusa.
- 2 B. Any person who resigns from a position in the classified service to be
- 3 appointed fire chief or police chief shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to
- 4 the date of his resignation, but he shall not accumulate seniority during the time
- 5 he is not in the classified service.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the classified service shall comprise every position, except those in the unclassified service to which the right of employee selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge is vested in the municipal government. Provides that the positions of fire chief and police chief shall be in the classified service. Provides further with respect to which positions are in the classified and unclassified service.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for the positions of fire chief and police chief in the city of Bogalusa. Provides that such positions are in the unclassified service and provides that the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such positions is vested in the mayor of Bogalusa. Further provides that the appointment of the fire chief and police chief shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of the city of Bogalusa. Provides that any person appointed to the position of fire chief or police chief shall meet all qualifications and requirements as provided by the city of Bogalusa.

Proposed law provides that any person who resigns from a position in the classified service to be appointed fire chief or police chief shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his resignation. Provides that no such person shall accumulate seniority during the time he is not in the classified service.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 33:2570)