

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 135

BY SENATOR APPEL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CIVIL SERVICE. Provides relative to classification of personnel from civil service.  
(2/3 - CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to civil  
3 service employees; to exclude employees of certain sewerage and water boards; and  
4 to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a  
5 ballot proposition.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for  
8 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X,  
9 Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §1. Civil Service Systems

11 Section 1.(A) State Civil Service. The state civil service is established and  
12 includes all persons holding offices and positions of trust or employment in the  
13 employ of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, and any joint state and federal  
14 agency, joint state and parochial agency, or joint state and municipal agency,  
15 regardless of the source of the funds used to pay for such employment. It shall not  
16 include members of the state police service as provided in Part IV of this Article or  
17 persons holding offices and positions of any municipal board of health or local

1 governmental subdivision **or persons employed by a sewerage and water board**  
2 **in a city having a population in excess of three hundred forty thousand.**

3 (B) City Civil Service. The city civil service is established and includes all  
4 persons holding offices and positions of trust or employment in the employ of each  
5 city having over four hundred thousand population and in every instrumentality  
6 thereof. **Persons employed by a sewerage and water board in a city having a**  
7 **population in excess of three hundred forty thousand shall be excluded from the**  
8 **city civil service.** However, paid firemen and municipal policemen may be excluded  
9 if a majority of the electors in the affected city voting at an election held for that  
10 purpose approve their exclusion. The election shall be called by the municipal  
11 governing authority within one year after the effective date of this constitution.  
12 **However, persons employed by a sewerage and water board in a city having a**  
13 **population in excess of three hundred forty thousand shall not be subject to**  
14 **such election.**

15 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
16 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12,  
17 2019.

18 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
19 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
20 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
21 follows:

22 Do you support an amendment to exclude employees of certain sewerage and  
23 water boards from the civil service system?

24 (Amends Article X, Section (1))

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

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DIGEST

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Present constitution exempts certain entities from the civil service system.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains provisions of present constitution and creates an

additional exemption from the state and city civil service system for employees of certain sewerage and water boards.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 12, 2019.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Section (1))