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Present law provides that the municipal fire and police civil service boards establish and maintain employment lists of persons eligible for appointment to the positions of entry-level firefighter and police officer.

Proposed law provides that the office of the state examiner shall establish and maintain a statewide employment list of persons eligible for appointment to the positions of entry-level firefighter and police officer by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district under the municipal fire and police civil service system.

Present law provides that public notice of tests to determine the eligibility of entry-level firefighter and police officer applicants be posted for 30 days preceding the date for administering the test and that all tests to be given on a competitive basis will be published at least four times in the official journal of the municipality during that 30-day period.

Proposed law reduces the posting period in present law from 30 days to 10 days and requires the notice to be posted on the state examiner's website and the municipality's website, if available, during the 10-day period.

Proposed law provides that for entrance firefighter and entrance police officer tests, the state examiner will publish a 10-day notice on the office's website revealing the location where the test will be administered and the final date on which applications for admission to the test will be received. The notice will provide the exact date on which the test will be administered, and all applicants will be advised of the time and place to report for an announced test at least five days in advance in any manner the state examiner may prescribe.

Proposed law provides that the state examiner will provide for online entrance firefighter and police officer testing by Fiscal Year 2022.

Present law provides that the state examiner may call for and administer examinations for entrance classifications of firefighter, police officer, jailer, and for the entrance classes for positions of which the operation and maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the primary duty.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and provides for the state examiner to also administer examinations for entrance classifications for the positions of secretary to the chief and departmental records clerk.

Present law provides that whenever the appointing authority proposes to fill a vacancy in the

classified service for entrance firefighter, entrance police officer, and other classified service positions, the municipal fire or police board will certify the list of eligible persons.

Proposed law provides that the state examiner will certify the list of eligible persons whenever the appointing authority proposes to fill a vacancy for entrance firefighter and entrance police officer positions and that the appointing authority will verify the applicant meets the minimum qualifications.

Effective January 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 33:2491(intro para), (E), and (I), 2492(1), (2), and (11), 2494(A) and (D), 2551(intro para), (5), and (9), 2552(1), (2), and (11), 2553(C), and 2554(A) and (D))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Places the responsibility for establishing and maintaining employment lists, testing and certification and eligibility for entrance firefighter and entrance police officer positions with the state examiner instead of the local fire and police civil service board.