

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

FIRE PROTECTION. Provides for the governing authority of the St. George Fire Protection District to create the competitive position of deputy fire chief. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2541.7, relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide

3 for the St. George Fire Protection District; to provide with respect to the position of

4 deputy fire chief; to authorize the governing authority of the city of St. George to

5 create the position of deputy fire chief; to provide that the position is appointed on

6 a competitive basis; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and

7 discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to the qualifications,

8 duties, and responsibilities for such position; to provide for an effective date; and to

9 provide for related matters.

10 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:2541.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 **§2541.7. Deputy fire chief; city of St. George; competitive appointment**

14 **A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the**

15 **governing authority of the city of St. George may create, by resolution, the**

16 **position of deputy fire chief in accordance with the provisions of this Section.**

17 **The position shall be filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligibles as**

1 provided for in R.S. 33:2551, and the right of selection, appointment,
2 supervision, and discharge for such position shall be vested in the fire chief,
3 subject to approval of the appointing authority. The position of deputy fire chief
4 is not the same as the position of assistant fire chief.

5 (2) The governing authority shall establish the duties and responsibilities
6 of the deputy fire chief in the resolution creating the position. Such duties and
7 responsibilities may include direct supervision over all positions in the classified
8 service below the rank of fire chief.

9 B.(1) The deputy fire chief shall not have less than ten years of full-time
10 fire service experience with the St. George Fire Department.

11 (2) Any person who holds the position of deputy fire chief may, while
12 holding such position, apply for admission to the promotional examination for
13 the class next higher than that from which he was appointed as deputy fire
14 chief. However, the name and score of any deputy fire chief shall not be certified
15 to the appointing authority by the civil service board as eligible for appointment
16 to a position of the promotional class; his name and score shall be eligible for
17 certification, in accordance with the maximum period for which a name may
18 remain on the eligibility list in accordance with the provisions of this Part, only
19 upon demotion to a position of the class from which he was appointed as deputy
20 fire chief.

21 (3) Eligibility for admission to the competitive test for the position of
22 deputy fire chief shall be limited to members of the St. George Fire Department.

23 C. Any person who is appointed from a position in the classified fire
24 service to serve as deputy fire chief shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated
25 to the date of his appointment, and he shall continue to accumulate seniority in
26 accordance with the provisions of this Part during the time he holds the position
27 of deputy fire chief.

28 D. If a deputy fire chief is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action,
29 he shall have the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and

service and continues to accumulate seniority during the time he is serving as deputy fire chief. Further provides that if a deputy fire chief is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action, he has the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:2541.7)