
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that the police chief of the city of Baton Rouge be evaluated by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge after the initial three years of service and each year thereafter.

Present constitution creates a fire and police civil service system applicable to municipalities of over 13,000 in population and parishes and fire protection districts. Provides that the system is subject to Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Constitution made statutory by the 1974 Constitution. Present law creates and provides for two fire and police civil service systems: (1) one applicable to any municipality which operates paid police and fire departments and which has a population of not fewer than 13,000 persons; and (2) one applicable to any parish, fire protection district, or municipality with a population of fewer than 13,000, but not fewer than 7,000 persons.

Proposed law retains present constitution and present law.

Present law, relative to both systems, provides that a municipal fire and police civil service board is created in the municipal, parish, and fire protection government. Requires the board to establish and maintain employment lists containing the names of persons eligible for appointment to various classes of positions in the classified service. Requires that names of persons attaining a passing score on a promotion test be placed on the promotion employment list for the tested class, from highest to lowest, according to departmental seniority.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law additionally requires that the police chief of the city of Baton Rouge be evaluated three years from the date of his initial appointment by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge. Further requires that the police chief be evaluated every year thereafter by the mayor-president. Authorizes the mayor-president to reconfirm the police chief for another one-year period or, at his discretion, demote the police chief to his former class of position. Provides that the demotion shall not constitute corrective or disciplinary action, and the classified employee shall not have appeal rights in regards to such action.

(Adds R.S. 33:2481.8)