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## DIGEST

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HB 450 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that any person who is on the competitive employment list for the entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service and who has served in the U.S. armed forces for 180 days or more shall receive an additional five points on his final test score at the time of his placement on the list.

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 requires a local civil service board to establish and maintain employment lists containing names of persons eligible for appointment to the various classes of positions in the classified service, except the positions of entrance firefighter, entrance police officer, entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, and entrance classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems for the respective fire or police service is the primary duty.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the state examiner to add a total of five points to the final test score of any person who appears on the competitive employment list for the entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service and who has served in the U.S. armed forces during times of war and has been honorably discharged.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that any person who has served in the U.S. armed forces for 180 days or more and has been honorably discharged shall receive a total of five points to his final test score.

(Amends R.S. 33:2491(E) and 2551(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change military service requirements from during times of war for 180 days or more to during times of war or for 180 days or more.