

**ACT No. 160**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 450

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER AND SENATORS BARROW, CARTER, CONNICK,  
EDMONDS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, PRICE,  
STINE, AND WHEAT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2491(E) and 2551(5), relative to the fire and police civil  
3 service; to provide relative to points awarded to veterans in competitive fire and  
4 police civil service employment; to provide for military service requirements of  
5 veterans in competitive fire and police civil service employment; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:2491(E) and 2551(5) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §2491. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

11 Except for the positions of entrance firefighter, entrance police officer,  
12 entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, and for the entrance  
13 classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems  
14 for the respective fire or police service is the primary duty, the board shall establish  
15 and maintain employment lists containing names of persons eligible for appointment  
16 to the various classes of positions in the classified service, as follows:

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18 E. Any person whose name is placed upon the competitive employment list  
19 for the entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service who has served in  
20 the armed forces of the United States of America during the times of war or for one  
21 hundred eighty days or more, and has been honorably discharged or discharged  
22 under honorable conditions, shall have added to his final test score a total of five  
23 points at the time of placing his name upon the list. Proof of such service and

1 discharge shall be required by the board or the state examiner in any manner it deems  
2 advisable.

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4 §2551. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

5 Except for the positions of entrance firefighter, entrance police officer,  
6 entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, and for the entrance  
7 classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems  
8 for the respective fire or police service is the primary duty, the board shall establish  
9 and maintain lists containing names of persons eligible for appointment to the  
10 various classes of positions in the classified service as follows:

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12 (5) Any person whose name is placed upon the competitive employment list  
13 for the entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service who has served in  
14 the armed forces of the United States of America during time of war or for one  
15 hundred eighty days or more, and who has been honorably discharged or discharged  
16 under honorable conditions, shall have added to his final test score a total of five  
17 points at the time of placing his name upon the list. Proof of such service and  
18 discharge shall be required by the board or state examiner in any manner it deems  
19 advisable.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_