

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing constitution creates a fire and police civil service system applicable to municipalities of over 13,000 population and parishes and fire protection districts. Provides that the system is subject to Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Constitution of Louisiana made statutory by the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana. Existing 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.

Existing law creates the office of state examiner and deputy state examiner. Requires the state examiner and deputy state examiner to be residents and qualified voters of the state. Requires that both have experience in personnel administration, classification, or employment testing in the classified civil service system. Provides that both serve on a full-time basis. Requires that the state examiner receive and be paid a salary set by the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan. Requires that the deputy state examiner receive and be paid a salary set by the state examiner in accordance with the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan.

Prior law provided that the position of state examiner was assigned to the same pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service was assigned. Provided that the position of deputy state examiner was assigned to the pay range two levels below the pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service was assigned.

New law removes prior law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends Const. 1921, Art. XIV, Sec. 15.1(9)(a) and (b) and R.S. 33:2479(D) and (H))