2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 138

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 33:2541.5, relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to authorize
3	the governing authority of the city of DeRidder to create the position of deputy fire
4	chief; to provide that the position is appointed on a competitive basis; to provide
5	relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such
6	position; to provide relative to the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for such
7	position; and to provide for related matters.
8	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10	Louisiana.
11	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
12	Section 1. R.S. 33:2541.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
13	§2541.5. Deputy fire chief; city of DeRidder; competitive appointment
14	A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
15	governing authority of the city of DeRidder may create, by ordinance, the position
16	of deputy fire chief in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The position
17	shall be filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligibles as provided for in
18	R.S.33:2551, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for
19	such position shall be vested in the fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing
20	authority. The position of deputy fire chief is not the same as the position of
21	assistant fire chief.
22	(2) The governing authority shall establish the duties and responsibilities of
23	the deputy fire chief in the ordinance creating the position. Such duties and
24	responsibilities may include direct supervision over all positions in the classified
25	service below the rank of fire chief.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words $\underline{\text{underscored}}$ are additions.

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B.(1) The deputy fire chief shall not have less than seven years of full time 2 fire service experience with the DeRidder Fire Department. 3 (2) Any person who holds the position of deputy fire chief may, while 4 holding such position, apply for admission to the promotional examination for the class next higher than that from which he was appointed as deputy fire chief. 5 6 However, the name and score of any deputy fire chief shall not be certified to the 7 appointing authority by the civil service board as eligible for appointment to a 8 position of the promotional class; his name and score shall be eligible for 9 certification, in accordance with the maximum period for which a name may remain 10 on the eligibility list in accordance with the provisions of this Part, only upon 11 demotion to a position of the class from which he was appointed as deputy fire chief. 12 (3) Eligibility for admission to the competitive test for the position of deputy 13 fire chief shall be limited to members of the DeRidder Fire Department. 14 C. Any person who is appointed from a position in the classified fire service 15 to serve as deputy fire chief shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of 16 his appointment, and he shall continue to accumulate seniority in accordance with 17 the provisions of this Part during the time he holds the position of deputy fire chief. 18 D. If a deputy fire chief is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action, he 19 shall have the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police 20 civil service. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA APPROVED: _____