2016 Regular Session

ACT No. 284

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.

1   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

5   class next higher than that from which he was appointed as deputy fire chief.

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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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