

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to the classified police service in the city of DeRidder

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2541.7, relative to the city of DeRidder; to provide relative to the classified
3 police service; to provide that the position of secretary to the chief of police is in the
4 unclassified service; to provide relative to the selection, appointment, supervision,
5 and discharge of any person in that position; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33: 2541.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2541.7. City of DeRidder; secretary to police chief; unclassified service

12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the position of
13 secretary to the chief of police for the city of DeRidder is in the unclassified service,
14 and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position
15 is vested in the chief of police for the city of DeRidder.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the position of secretary to the police chief for the city of DeRidder is in the unclassified service.

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 law and present constitution.

Present law relative to both systems, provides that the classified service shall comprise every position, except those in the unclassified service, to which the right of employee selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge is vested in the municipal government. Provides that the position of secretary to the police chief is in the classified service. Provides further with respect to which positions are in the classified and unclassified service.

Proposed law retains present law but makes an exception for the city of DeRidder. Provides that the position of secretary to the police chief is in the unclassified service and that the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge is vested in the police chief.

(Adds R.S. 33:2541.7)