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## DIGEST

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HB 563 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that employees of housing authorities shall not be included in the state civil service.

Present constitution (Art. X, §1(A)) provides that state civil service includes all persons holding offices and positions of trust or employment in the employ of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, or any joint state-federal, state-parochial, or state-municipal agency. Excludes members of the state police service and persons holding offices and positions of any municipal board of health or local governmental subdivision.

Proposed law retains present constitution.

Present law (R.S. 40:539(C)(8)) provides that all employees of housing authorities shall be in the classified state civil service, except as provided in the constitution or as may be authorized by the State Civil Service Commission. Present law also excepts from this requirement: authority members, the executive director, one other employee whom the authority designates, and professional employees employed on a contract basis.

Present law provides that the housing authorities in New Orleans, Cottonport, Denham Springs, Oil City, Lafayette, Monroe, Shreveport, Kenner, Simmsport, Bunkie, Colfax, Kinder, Berwick, and Morgan City, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority shall not be considered instrumentalities of the state for purposes of Const. Art. X, §1(A) and that employees of the authorities shall not be included in the state civil service.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that a housing authority shall not be considered to be an instrumentality of the state for purposes of Const. Art. X, §1(A) and employees of a housing authority shall not be included in the state civil service. However, proposed law authorizes any housing authority whose employees are included in state civil service on Jan. 1, 2024, to continue to have its employees included in state civil service by submitting a resolution to the Dept. of State Civil Service prior to Jan. 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 40:539(C)(8))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add authority for housing authorities to continue to have their employees included in state civil service.