

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 980

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: Increases the membership of the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board and establishes additional qualifications for service on the board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:1666.5(C), relative
3 to the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board; to provide for membership on the board
4 and qualifications therefore; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the
5 governor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 40:1666.5(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1666.5. Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board

10 A. There is hereby created a Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board, hereinafter
11 referred to as the board, which shall consist of ~~seven~~ nine persons appointed by the
12 governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for
13 confirmation. In making his appointments, the governor shall select three persons
14 who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of
15 Louisiana, ~~two~~ three persons who are members in good standing of the Louisiana
16 State Fireman's Association, and ~~two~~ three persons who are members in good
17 standing of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association. The board shall elect a chairman
18 from its membership to serve a two-year term.

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1 C. No person who does not receive state supplemental pay pursuant to R.S.
2 40:1666.1 shall serve on the board.

3 D. If more than thirty days have passed since the governor has been notified
4 of a vacancy on the board and no new appointment has been made or if more than
5 thirty days have passed since the governor has taken his oath of office for the term
6 and no initial appointment for that position for that term has been made, then a
7 member in good standing of the same firefighter's or fire chief's organization as the
8 member who created the vacancy or whose term expired, as applicable, shall be
9 appointed by such organization so that the board shall at all times consist of three
10 persons who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters
11 Association of Louisiana, ~~two~~ three persons who are members in good standing of
12 the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, and ~~two~~ three persons who are members
13 in good standing of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association. Any member serving
14 pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall serve until the governor makes his
15 appointment for such position pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

16 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governor shall
17 have thirty days from the effective date of this Act within which to make the initial
18 appointment of members added pursuant to the provisions of this Act. If the governor does
19 not make an appointment pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the vacancies shall be
20 filled in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1666.5(C) and (D) as modified by this
21 Act.

22 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
23 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
24 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
25 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
26 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases from seven to nine the total number of members on the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board (board) and requires that each member serving on the board receive state supplemental pay.

Present law establishes the board and provides for its membership as follows:

- (1) Three members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of La.
- (2) Two members in good standing of the La. State Fireman's Association.
- (3) Two members in good standing of the La. Fire Chiefs Association.

Proposed law adds one member each from the La. State Fireman's Association and the La. Fire Chiefs Association.

Proposed law further prohibits any person who does not receive state supplemental pay from serving on the board.

Present law provides protocols for filling vacancies on the board. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law grants the governor 30 days to make the initial appointments of new members added to the board by proposed law. Further provides that if the governor does not make these appointments, the vacancies are to be filled as provided by proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D); Adds R.S. 40:1666.5(C))