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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the duties and responsibilities of officers and employees of the municipal fire and police civil 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.

Present law, relative to both systems, provides that a municipal fire and police civil service board is created in the municipal government. Requires the board to establish and maintain employment lists containing the names of persons eligible for appointment to various classes of positions in the classified service.

Present law, relative to both systems, requires the appointing authority to report to the board, within 15 days following any appointment, the name of the appointee, the title and character of his office or employment and the date the employee commenced work in the position. Additionally requires the appointing authority to report the date of and official action in, or knowledge of, any separation, promotion, demotion, suspension, lay-off, reinstatement, or reemployment in the classified service.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, relative to the system that is applicable to municipalities with a population of not fewer than 13,000 persons, requires an officer or employee of the municipality to comply with and aid in carrying out the provisions of present law and all rules, regulations, and orders. Requires officers and employees to furnish any records or information which the board or state examiner requests for any purpose of present law.

Proposed law retains present law and makes it applicable to the system that is applicable to any parish, fire protection district, or municipality with a population of fewer than 13,000, but not fewer than 7,000 persons.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2503 and 2563)