Present law provides that in a proceeding involving a municipal fire and police civil service board in municipalities with populations between 13,000 and 250,000 in which the board reverses a decision of the appointing authority for lacking just cause, attorney fees not to exceed $1,000 may be assessed in any one appeal.

Proposed law retains present law but increases this maximum amount from $1,000 to $5,000.

Proposed law provides that in a proceeding involving the municipal fire and police civil service board for small municipalities and for parishes and fire protection districts in which the board reverses a decision of the appointing authority for lack of just cause, attorney fees not to exceed $5,000 may be assessed in any one appeal.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2501.1; adds R.S. 33:2561.1)