

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2481.7 and 2541.7, relative to the fire and police civil service; to authorize
3 the governing authority to create the position of chief of operations; to provide that
4 the position is appointed on a competitive basis; to provide relative to the
5 appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to
6 provide relative to the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for such position;
7 to provide relative to departmental and promotional seniority; and to provide for
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2481.7 and 2541.7 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2481.7. Chief of operations; competitive appointment

12 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing
13 authority may create, by ordinance or resolution, the position of chief of operations
14 in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The position shall be filled on a
15 competitive basis from a list of eligibles as provided for in R.S. 33:2491, and the
16 right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position shall be
17 vested in the fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing authority. In addition,
18 the governing authority shall establish the job description, duties, requirements, and
19 responsibilities of the chief of operations in the ordinance or resolution creating the
20 position. Such duties and responsibilities may include direct supervision over all
21 positions in the classified service below the rank of fire chief.

1 competitive basis from a list of eligibles as provided for in R.S. 33:2551, and the
2 right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position shall be
3 vested in the fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing authority. In addition,
4 the governing authority shall establish the job description, duties, requirements, and
5 responsibilities of the chief of operations in the ordinance or resolution creating the
6 position. Such duties and responsibilities may include direct supervision over all
7 positions in the classified service below the rank of fire chief.

8 B.(1) The chief of operations shall have not less than twenty-five years of
9 service in fire suppression and not less than one year of service as a confirmed
10 battalion or district chief.

11 (2) Any person who holds the position of chief of operations may, while
12 holding such position, apply for admission to the promotional examination for the
13 class next higher than that from which he was appointed as chief of operations.
14 However, the name and score of any chief of operations shall not be certified to the
15 appointing authority by the civil service board as eligible for appointment to a
16 position of the promotional class, and his name and score shall be eligible for
17 certification, in accordance with the maximum period for which a name may remain
18 on the eligibility list in accordance with the provisions of this Part, only upon
19 demotion to a position of the class from which he was appointed as chief of
20 operations.

21 (3) Eligibility for admission to the competitive test for chief of operations
22 shall be limited to members of the same department as the fire chief.

23 C.(1) Any person appointed to serve as chief of operations shall not forfeit
24 his departmental seniority accumulated to the date of his appointment, and he shall
25 continue to accumulate departmental seniority in accordance with the provisions of
26 this Part during the time he holds the position of chief of operations.

27 (2) If any such person is demoted or otherwise vacates the position on the
28 approval of the fire chief, he shall be demoted to a position in the class he held
29 immediately preceding his appointment as chief of operations. If a chief of

1 operations is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action, he shall have the same
2 rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____