

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 238 (HB 129)

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Existing 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. Existing 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.

Existing law relative to both systems, provides that the classified service shall comprise every position, except those in the unclassified service, to which the right of employee selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge is vested in the municipal government. Provides that the positions of fire chief and assistant fire chief shall be in the classified service. Provides further with respect to which positions are in the classified and unclassified service.

New law provides an exception for the positions of fire chief and assistant fire chief for Winn Parish Fire Protection District No. 3. Provides that such positions are in the unclassified service, and provides that the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such positions is vested in the district's governing board.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 26, 2016).

(Adds R.S. 33:2541.5)