

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 400

2019 Regular Session

McMahon

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to employment lists and tests for positions in the municipal fire and police civil service

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that the names of applicants for the positions of secretary to the chief and departmental records clerk may be placed on an employment list in any jurisdiction if those applicants meet certain qualifications. Removes proposed law that authorizes the placement of names on the list for either class.
2. Removes proposed law that authorizes the state examiner to administer a separate competitive examination for the classes encompassing secretary to the chief and departmental records clerk.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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, parish, and fire protection government. Provides that admission to tests for promotional and competitive positions is provided by the board through the state examiner. Requires that applicants admitted to tests be U.S. citizens and of legal age.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the state examiner to call for and administer competitive examinations for the entrance classifications of firefighter, police officer, and for the entrance classes for which the operation and maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the primary duty.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the state examiner to call for and administer competitive examinations for entrance jailer.

Present law 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. Provides that the name of a person who has attained a passing score on an examination administered by the state examiner for entrance police officer, entrance firefighter or for the entrance classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems is the primary duty may be placed on the employment list of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district, provided the person's application and score

are accepted by the board of the respective jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and adds entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, and departmental records clerk to the list of names that may be placed on an employment list in any jurisdiction, subject to present law limitations.

(Amends R.S. 33:2491(I), 2492(2), 2493(C), 2551(9), 2552(2), and 2553(C))