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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2491(I), 2492(2), 2493(C), 2551(9), 2552(2), and 2553(C), relative to the municipal fire and police civil service system; to provide relative to tests administered by the state examiner; to authorize the state examiner to administer tests for additional classes; to provide relative to the eligibility of applicants for certain tests; to provide relative to employment lists established and maintained by civil service boards; to provide relative to the placement of certain names on such lists; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2491(I), 2492(2), 2493(C), 2551(9), 2552(2), and 2553(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2491. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

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I. A person who has attained a passing score on an examination administered by the state examiner for entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, or for the entrance classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems for the respective fire or police services is the primary duty may have his name placed on the employment list of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district under the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System, provided the person's application and score are accepted by the board of the municipality, parish, or fire protection district in which he seeks employment. In order that his name may be placed upon the employment eligibility list, a person shall be required to meet the minimum

1 qualifications adopted as rules of the respective civil service board, as if making
2 original application for admission to the test. The eligibility of such an applicant
3 shall not continue past the date on which his original eligibility expired.

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5 §2492. Tests

6 Tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional
7 and competitive employment lists shall be provided, as follows:

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9 (2) As may be necessary from time to time, the state examiner may call for
10 and administer examinations for the entrance classifications of firefighter, police
11 officer, jailer, and for the entrance classes for positions of which the operation and
12 maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the
13 primary duty. Tests may be administered at the discretion of the state examiner in
14 any municipality, parish, or fire protection district to which this Part applies.
15 Official notification shall not be made to the extent required under Paragraph (1) of
16 this Section; however, public notice shall be published at least four times during a
17 thirty-day period in the official journal of the state of Louisiana and may be posted
18 on the bulletin board in each station of the respective department. This notice of
19 examination need not state the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but
20 all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced
21 test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the state examiner may
22 prescribe.

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24 §2493. Admission to tests

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26 C. Any applicant admitted to the competitive examinations which may be
27 called for by the state examiner under the provisions of ~~R.S. 33:2492~~, for the
28 ~~classifications of entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, or for the entrance~~
29 ~~classifications comprising the duties of the operation and maintenance of radio,~~

1 ~~alarm, or signal systems for the respective department~~ R.S. 33:2492(2); shall be a
2 citizen of the United States; and of legal age.

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4 §2551. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

5 The board shall establish and maintain lists containing names of persons
6 eligible for appointment to the various classes of positions in the classified service
7 as follows:

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9 (9) A person who has attained a passing score on an examination
10 administered by the state examiner for entrance police officer, entrance firefighter,
11 entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, or for the entrance
12 classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems
13 for the respective fire or police services is the primary duty may have his name
14 placed on the employment list of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district
15 under the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System, provided the person's
16 application and score are accepted by the board of the municipality, parish, or fire
17 protection district in which he seeks employment. In order that his name may be
18 placed upon the employment eligibility list, a person shall be required to meet the
19 minimum qualifications adopted as rules of the respective civil service board, as if
20 making original application for admission to the test. The eligibility of such an
21 applicant shall not continue past the date on which his original eligibility expired.

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23 §2552. Tests

24 Tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional
25 and competitive employment lists shall be provided, as follows:

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27 (2) As may be necessary from time to time, the state examiner may call for
28 and administer examinations for the entrance classifications of firefighter, police
29 officer, jailer, and for the entrance classes for positions of which the operation and
30 maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the

1 primary duty. Tests may be administered at the discretion of the state examiner in
 2 any municipality, parish, or fire protection district to which this Part applies.
 3 Official notification shall not be made to the extent required under Paragraph (1) of
 4 this Section; however, public notice shall be published at least four times during a
 5 thirty-day period in the official journal of the state of Louisiana and may be posted
 6 on the bulletin board in each station of the respective department. This notice of
 7 examination need not state the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but
 8 all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced
 9 test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the state examiner may
 10 prescribe.

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§2553. Admission to tests

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14 C. Any applicant admitted to the competitive examinations which may be
 15 called for by the state examiner pursuant to ~~R.S. 33:2552, for the classifications of~~
 16 ~~entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, or for the entrance classifications~~
 17 ~~comprising the duties of the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal~~
 18 ~~systems for the respective department~~ R.S. 33:2552(2); shall be a citizen of the
 19 United States and of legal age.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____