

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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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 a municipal fire and police civil service board is created in each municipality, parish, and fire protection district. Provides that the board shall be composed of five members who shall serve without compensation. Further provides that the board shall have a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary.

Existing law, relative to the system applicable to municipalities with a population of not fewer than 13,000, requires that the board fill the office of secretary in one of the following ways:

- (1) By electing one of its members thereto.
- (2) By appointing the city clerk or secretary-treasurer of the municipality to fill such office ex officio.
- (3) By employing on a part-time basis any other person and paying a salary not to exceed \$1,250 per month, which salary must be approved by the municipal governing authority.

Prior law provided an exception for municipalities with a population in excess of 150,000 but not more than 210,000 by authorizing them to fill the office of secretary by employing any person on a full-time basis. New law instead provides that the board, not the respective municipality, may fill the office of secretary, on a full-time basis, with any person whom the board deems qualified.

Prior law authorized municipalities with a population in excess of 150,000 but not more than 210,000 to establish a rate of salary and benefits equivalent to like administrative personnel of the respective municipality. New law instead requires that the secretary receive compensation and benefits within a salary range that is comparable to the salary range established for classified personnel employed in similar administrative positions by the respective municipality. Provides that the secretary serves at the pleasure of the board and is solely accountable to the board.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 33:2476.6)