

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to the secretary of the municipal fire and police civil service board for the city of Monroe

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2476.7, relative to the city of Monroe; to provide relative to the municipal  
3 fire and police civil service board; to provide relative to the office of board secretary;  
4 to provide relative to the employment, salary, and duties of the secretary; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2476.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2476.7. Municipal fire and police civil service board; board secretary; city of  
12 Monroe

13 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:2476(L)(1)(c), in the city of  
14 Monroe, the board may fill the office of secretary for the municipal fire and police  
15 civil service board by employing on a part-time basis any person the board deems  
16 qualified. The board may pay any such person a salary not to exceed sixteen  
17 hundred dollars per month which salary shall be approved by the municipal  
18 governing authority.

19 B. The duties of the secretary shall be assigned by the board.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023; if vetoed by the governor  
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
3 2023, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to the municipal fire and police civil service board in the city of Monroe, provides for the salary and duties of the board secretary.

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 (large municipalities); 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 (small municipalities).

Present 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.

Present law, relative to the system applicable to large municipalities, requires that the board fill the office of secretary in one of the following ways:

- (1) By electing a board member.
- (2) By appointing the city clerk or secretary-treasurer of the municipality.
- (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.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for the city of Monroe relative to the salary of the board secretary. Authorizes the board to pay the secretary a salary not to exceed \$1,600 per month. Requires the board to assign the duties of the secretary.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 33:2476.7)