

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2476.7, relative to the Baton Rouge municipal fire and police civil service
3 board; to provide relative to the office of board secretary; to provide relative to the
4 qualifications, salary, and benefits of the secretary; to provide relative to supervision
5 of the secretary; and to 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. City of Baton Rouge municipal fire and police civil service board; board
12 secretary

13 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:2476(L)(1), the Baton Rouge
14 municipal fire and police civil service board may fill the office of secretary by
15 employing unclassified personnel whom the board deems qualified. The secretary
16 shall receive compensation and benefits comparable to that of other full-time
17 classified or unclassified personnel employed in similar positions or performing
18 similar job functions. The secretary is solely accountable to the board and serves at
19 the pleasure of the board.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for employment of a secretary of the Baton Rouge municipal fire and police civil service board.

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 for a fire and police civil service board in each local jurisdiction. Provides that the board is composed of five members who serve without compensation. Further provides that the board shall have a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary.

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

- (1) By electing a board member.
- (2) By appointing the clerk or secretary-treasurer of the municipality.
- (3) By employing on a part-time basis any other person at a salary not to exceed \$1,250 per month.

Proposed law provides an exception for the city of Baton Rouge; authorizes the municipal fire and police civil service board to fill the office of secretary by employing unclassified personnel whom the board deems qualified. Provides that the secretary shall receive compensation and benefits comparable to that of other full-time personnel employed in similar positions or performing similar job functions. Provides that the secretary is solely accountable to the board and serves at the pleasure of the board.

(Adds R.S. 33:2476.7)