

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 153 (HB 137)

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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 (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).

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 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 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.

Provides exceptions for certain parishes and municipalities relative to the employment and salary of the board secretary.

New law provides an additional exception for the city of Monroe. 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)