

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 40:1666.1) sets the qualifications required for a fireman to receive state supplemental pay.

Prior law required the employee to be paid not less than \$300 per month, exclusive of supplemental pay. New law repeals prior law.

Prior law (R.S. 40:1666.3) required the mayor or parish official of the respective municipality or parish to issue a warrant for the monthly payment to qualifying firemen. New law requires such warrants to be approved and certified by the mayor or parish official. Additionally, adds fire chiefs as a party who must approve and certify these warrants in addition to the mayor or parish official.

Prior law placed the state fire marshal in charge of disbursements for fireman supplemental pay. New law changes responsibility for the disbursements to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC).

Prior law required the mayors or parish officials of the employing political subdivision to forward the warrant to DPSC. New law requires the mayor or parish official to submit the approved and certified warrant to DPSC. Prior law required DPSC to issue and deliver checks to each employee receiving supplemental payment and required certain statements to be contained on each check. New law authorizes DPSC to issue payment by whatever means and removes the requirement that the payment contain certain statements.

Existing law requires the mayor or other municipal or parish officer charged with responsibility for preparing the payrolls of employees to include state supplemental pay into each employees tax withholdings and retirement contributions. New law adds the fire chief as a party who may be responsible for such calculations of tax withholdings and retirement contributions.

Existing law (R.S. 40:1666.7) establishes the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board and authorizes payment of \$50 per day per diem to each member attending official business. Prior law required the state fire marshal to issue this per diem payment. New law requires DPSC to issue such per diem.

Prior law authorized the board to employ an accountant and set the requirements for such position. New law repeals prior law.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(1), 1666.3(A), (B), and (C), and 1666.6)