

1 §17. Appointments and Promotions

2 Section 17. Permanent appointments and promotions in municipal fire ~~and~~
3 ~~police~~ civil service shall be made only after certification by the applicable municipal
4 fire ~~and police~~ civil service board under a general system based upon merit,
5 efficiency, fitness, and length of service as provided in Article XIV, Section 15.1 of
6 the Constitution of 1921, subject to change by law enacted by two-thirds of the
7 elected members of each house of the legislature.

8 §18. Prior Provisions

9 Section 18.(A) Except as inconsistent with this Part, the provisions of Article
10 XIV, Section 15.1 of the Constitution of 1921 are retained and continued in force and
11 effect as statutes with respect to the fire service. By law enacted by two-thirds of the
12 elected members of each house, the legislature may amend or otherwise modify any
13 of those provisions, but it may not abolish the system of classified civil service for
14 such firemen ~~and municipal policemen~~ or make the system inapplicable to any
15 municipality having a population exceeding thirteen thousand according to the latest
16 decennial federal census or to any parish or fire protection district operating a
17 regularly paid fire department. ~~However, in a municipality having a population~~
18 ~~exceeding four hundred thousand, paid firemen and municipal policemen shall be~~
19 ~~included if a majority of the electors therein voting at an election held for that~~
20 ~~purpose approve their inclusion. Such an election shall be called by the governing~~
21 ~~authority of the affected city within one year after the effective date of this~~
22 ~~constitution.~~

23 (B) The provisions of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the Constitution of 1921
24 are not applicable to municipal police departments. The legislature shall enact no
25 law providing for a classified service for police departments in all or any class of
26 municipalities.

27 §19. Exclusion

28 Section 19. Nothing in Part I of this Article authorizing cities or other
29 political subdivisions to be placed under the provisions of said Part by election, act

1 of the legislature, or ordinance of the local governing authority shall authorize the
2 inclusion in a city civil service system of firemen ~~and policemen~~ in any municipality
3 having a population greater than thirteen thousand but fewer than four hundred
4 thousand and operating a regularly paid fire ~~and municipal police~~ department or in
5 any parish or fire protection district operating a regularly paid fire department. Such
6 firemen ~~and policemen~~ are expressly excluded from any such system.

7 §20. Political Activities

8 Section 20. Article XIV, Section 15.1, Paragraph 34 of the Constitution of
9 1921 is retained and continued in force and effect with respect to firemen.

10 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
11 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5,
12 2024.

13 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
14 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
15 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
16 follows:

17 Do you support an amendment to remove municipal police departments from
18 the fire and police civil service system and to prohibit the legislature from
19 creating a civil service system applicable to municipal police departments?
20 (Amends Article X, Sections 16-20)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes municipal police departments from the fire and police civil service system.

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.

Proposed constitutional amendment limits present constitution to the fire service and removes municipal police departments from the civil service system. Provides specifically that the provisions of Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 constitution are not applicable to municipal police departments. Prohibits the legislature from enacting law providing for a classified service for police departments in all or any class of municipalities.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. 10, §§16-20)