

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 160 (HB 450)**

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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 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.

Existing law requires a local civil service board to establish and maintain employment lists containing names of persons eligible for appointment to the various classes of positions in the classified service, except the positions of entrance firefighter, entrance police officer, entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, and entrance classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems for the respective fire or police service is the primary duty.

Existing law requires the state examiner to add a total of five points to the final test score of any person who appears on the competitive employment list for the entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service and who has completed certain service in the U.S. armed forces.

Prior law required the person to have served in the U.S. armed forces during times of war and been honorably discharged to receive the additional points.

New law provides that any person who has served in the U.S. armed forces for 180 days or more and has been honorably discharged receives the additional points.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 33:2491(E) and 2551(5))