

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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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, vice-chairman, and a secretary.

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

- (1) By electing one of its members thereto.
- (2) By appointing the city clerk or secretary-treasurer of the municipality to fill such office.
- (3) By employing on a part-time basis any other person and paying a salary not to exceed \$1,250 per month.

New law provides an exception for the city of Lafayette and municipalities with a population in excess of 150,000 but not more than 210,000; authorizes filling the secretary position by employing any person on a full-time basis. Requires the board in the city of Lafayette to pay the person an amount that is within a salary range that is comparable to the salary range established by Lafayette for classified personnel employed in similar administrative positions. Authorizes the other municipalities to establish a rate of salary and benefits that is equivalent to like administrative personnel of the respective municipality and provides that the secretary's duties will be assigned by the board.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 33:2476.5 and 2476.6)