

**ACT No. 194**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2495.3(A) and to enact R.S. 33:2555.2, relative to the cities  
3 of Baton Rouge, Bossier City, and Lafayette and Fire Protection District No. 2 of  
4 Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish; to provide relative to the classified fire service; to  
5 provide relative to persons selected for appointment to entry-level positions; to  
6 provide relative to the formal training of such persons; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:2495.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:2555.2  
13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §2495.3. Recruit and recruit period; certain municipalities

15 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in  
16 ~~municipalities with a population of not less than two hundred thousand persons and~~  
17 ~~not more than two hundred forty thousand persons as of the most recent federal~~  
18 ~~decennial census~~ the cities of Baton Rouge, Bossier City, and Lafayette no person  
19 selected for appointment to an entry-level position in the classified service from the  
20 competitive firefighter employment list who has not successfully completed formal  
21 training as required by Subsection B of this Section shall begin the working test

1 period. However, such person shall be employed by the appointing authority and  
2 reported as a recruit and shall immediately begin his formal training.

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4 §2555.2. Recruit and recruit period; Fire Protection District No. 2 of Ward 4 of  
5 Calcasieu Parish

6 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in Fire  
7 Protection District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish no person selected for  
8 appointment to an entry-level position in the classified service from the competitive  
9 firefighter employment list who has not successfully completed formal training as  
10 required by Subsection B of this Section shall begin the working test period.  
11 However, such person shall be employed by the appointing authority and reported  
12 as a recruit and shall immediately begin his formal training.

13 B. Formal training for a person selected for appointment to an entry-level  
14 position as a firefighter in the classified service shall mean the enrollment in and  
15 successful completion of a fire training academy provided for through the appointing  
16 authority. All persons selected for appointment to an entry-level position as a  
17 firefighter in the classified service shall successfully complete the fire training  
18 academy whether or not such person was certified as a Firefighter I in accordance  
19 with National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 prior to his selection for  
20 appointment.

21 C. The fire training academy provided for in Subsection B of this Section  
22 shall be for a duration as determined by the appointing authority. Upon the  
23 successful completion of the fire training academy, the recruit shall immediately  
24 begin the working test period.

25 D. The appointing authority shall, within fifteen days, advise the board that  
26 the recruit has successfully completed the fire training academy and has begun the  
27 working test period as a probational firefighter.

28 E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require that a person selected  
29 for appointment to an entry-level position as a firefighter in the classified service be

1            terminated if he fails to enroll in or successfully complete the fire training academy  
2            as required by Subsection B of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_