

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 165

BY SENATOR COLOMB

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MUNICIPALITIES. Provides relative to promotional and competitive tests provided by municipal fire and police civil service boards. (2/3 - CA10s18) (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subparagraph (g)(4) of Paragraph 22 of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution, as amended, continued as a statute pursuant to Article X, Section 18 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 33:2492(7)(d) and 2552(7)(d), relative to fire and police civil service boards; to provide relative to the administration of tests by the state examiner; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subparagraph (g)(4) of Paragraph 22 of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution, continued as a statute pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 18 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§15.1. Fire and police civil service; municipalities of 13,000 to 250,000

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22. Tests. Tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional and competitive employment lists shall be provided, as follows:

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1 g. Competitive tests shall be held only as the needs of the service require and
2 shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

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4 (4) ~~Operation,~~ **Except for the city of Shreveport Fire Department,**
5 **operation and** maintenance, ~~and supervision~~ of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and
6 other signal systems.

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8 Section 2. R.S. 33:2492(7)(d) and 2552(7)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §2492. Tests

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12 (7) Competitive tests shall be held only as the needs of the service require
13 and shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

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15 (d) ~~Operation,~~ **Except for the city of Shreveport Fire Department,**
16 **operation and** maintenance, ~~and supervision~~ of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and
17 other signal systems.

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19 §2552. Tests

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21 (7) Competitive tests shall be held only as the needs of the service require and
22 shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

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24 (d) ~~Operation,~~ **Except for the city of Shreveport Fire Department,**
25 **operation and** maintenance, ~~and supervision~~ of radio, fire alarm, and other signal
26 systems.

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28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

SB 165 Engrossed

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Present constitution creates a fire and police civil service system applicable to municipalities of over 13,000 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. Present 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. Present constitution authorizes modifications to such systems (by law adopted by 2/3 of each house of the legislature in the case of provisions of Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Constitution made statutory by the Constitution of 1974) but prohibits the legislature from abolishing the system or making it inapplicable to covered jurisdictions.

Present law, relative to both systems, provides that promotional tests for positions in the various classes in the classified service, except those classes in which positions shall be filled only from the competitive list, may be held as the needs of the service require.

Proposed law retains present constitution and present law except that it clarifies that competitive tests shall be limited to only entrance level positions in the operation and maintenance of any radio, fire alarm, or other signal system. Further provides for the exclusion of supervision positions from competitive testing.

Proposed law provides an exception for the Shreveport Fire Department.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends La. Const. 1921, Art. XIV, Sec. 15.1(22)(g)(4) and R.S. 33:2492(7)(d) and 33:2552(7)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds an exception for the Shreveport Fire Department.