

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2491(I), 2492(2), 2493(C), 2551(9), 2552(2), and 2553(C),  
3 relative to the municipal fire and police civil service system; to provide relative to  
4 tests administered by the state examiner; to authorize the state examiner to  
5 administer tests for additional classes; to provide relative to the eligibility of  
6 applicants for certain tests; to provide relative to employment lists established and  
7 maintained by civil service boards; to provide relative to the placement of certain  
8 names on such lists; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2491(I), 2492(2), 2493(C), 2551(9), 2552(2), and 2553(C) are  
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §2491. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

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14 I. A person who has attained a passing score on an examination administered  
15 by the state examiner for entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, entrance jailer,  
16 secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, or for the entrance classes for  
17 which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems for the  
18 respective fire or police services is the primary duty may have his name placed on  
19 the employment list of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district under the  
20 Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System, provided the person's application  
21 and score are accepted by the board of the municipality, parish, or fire protection  
22 district in which he seeks employment. In order that his name may be placed upon  
23 the employment eligibility list, a person shall be required to meet the minimum

1 qualifications adopted as rules of the respective civil service board, as if making  
2 original application for admission to the test. The eligibility of such an applicant  
3 shall not continue past the date on which his original eligibility expired.

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5 §2492. Tests

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

8 \* \* \*

9 (2) As may be necessary from time to time, the state examiner may call for  
10 and administer examinations for the entrance classifications of firefighter, police  
11 officer, jailer, and for the entrance classes for positions of which the operation and  
12 maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the  
13 primary duty. Tests may be administered at the discretion of the state examiner in  
14 any municipality, parish, or fire protection district to which this Part applies.  
15 Official notification shall not be made to the extent required under Paragraph (1) of  
16 this Section; however, public notice shall be published at least four times during a  
17 thirty-day period in the official journal of the state of Louisiana and may be posted  
18 on the bulletin board in each station of the respective department. This notice of  
19 examination need not state the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but  
20 all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced  
21 test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the state examiner may  
22 prescribe.

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24 §2493. Admission to tests

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26 C. Any applicant admitted to the competitive examinations which may be  
27 called for by the state examiner under the provisions of ~~R.S. 33:2492~~, for the  
28 ~~classifications of entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, or for the entrance~~  
29 ~~classifications comprising the duties of the operation and maintenance of radio,~~

1 ~~alarm, or signal systems for the respective department~~ R.S. 33:2492(2); shall be a  
2 citizen of the United States; and of legal age.

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4 §2551. Establishment and maintenance of employment lists

5 The board shall establish and maintain lists containing names of persons  
6 eligible for appointment to the various classes of positions in the classified service  
7 as follows:

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9 (9) A person who has attained a passing score on an examination  
10 administered by the state examiner for entrance police officer, entrance firefighter,  
11 entrance jailer, secretary to the chief, departmental records clerk, or for the entrance  
12 classes for which the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal systems  
13 for the respective fire or police services is the primary duty may have his name  
14 placed on the employment list of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district  
15 under the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service System, provided the person's  
16 application and score are accepted by the board of the municipality, parish, or fire  
17 protection district in which he seeks employment. In order that his name may be  
18 placed upon the employment eligibility list, a person shall be required to meet the  
19 minimum qualifications adopted as rules of the respective civil service board, as if  
20 making original application for admission to the test. The eligibility of such an  
21 applicant shall not continue past the date on which his original eligibility expired.

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23 §2552. Tests

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

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27 (2) As may be necessary from time to time, the state examiner may call for  
28 and administer examinations for the entrance classifications of firefighter, police  
29 officer, jailer, and for the entrance classes for positions of which the operation and  
30 maintenance of a radio, alarm, or signal system for the fire or police service is the

1 primary duty. Tests may be administered at the discretion of the state examiner in  
 2 any municipality, parish, or fire protection district to which this Part applies.  
 3 Official notification shall not be made to the extent required under Paragraph (1) of  
 4 this Section; however, public notice shall be published at least four times during a  
 5 thirty-day period in the official journal of the state of Louisiana and may be posted  
 6 on the bulletin board in each station of the respective department. This notice of  
 7 examination need not state the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but  
 8 all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced  
 9 test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the state examiner may  
 10 prescribe.

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§2553. Admission to tests

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14 C. Any applicant admitted to the competitive examinations which may be  
 15 called for by the state examiner pursuant to ~~R.S. 33:2552, for the classifications of~~  
 16 ~~entrance police officer, entrance firefighter, or for the entrance classifications~~  
 17 ~~comprising the duties of the operation and maintenance of radio, alarm, or signal~~  
 18 ~~systems for the respective department~~ R.S. 33:2552(2); shall be a citizen of the  
 19 United States and of legal age.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_