

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; 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 creates a municipal fire and police civil service board in each parish, municipality, and fire protection district composed of five members appointed by the respective governing body. Requires that at least two members of the board be nominated and elected by and from the regular employees of the fire and police departments. Provides further with respect to the qualifications of board members.

New law requires the respective governing body to conduct a background check on any person being considered for appointment to the board and prohibits any person who has been convicted of a felony or has committed a civil rights violation in the 10 years prior to his appointment from serving on the board.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 33:2476(B)(1)(f) and 2536(B)(1)(d))