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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for requests for attorney general opinions from elected employee members of municipal fire and police civil service boards.

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.

Proposed law retains present constitution and present law.

Present law, relative to both systems, provides that a municipal fire and police civil service board is created in the parish, municipal, and fire protection district government. Provides that membership on the board includes one member elected by the employees of the police department and one member elected by the fire department; however if only one service is within the board's authority, one member is elected from that service.

Present law provides that the duties of a municipal fire and police civil service board include the following:

- (1) Advise and assist on the maintenance and improvement of personnel standards and administration and the classified system.
- (2) Make investigations and take actions concerning the administration of present law.
- (3) Conduct investigations for the purpose of disciplinary actions.
- (4) Adopt rules necessary to carry out present law.
- (5) Adopt and maintain a classification plan.

Proposed law additionally provides that upon the request of an elected member of a municipal fire and police civil service board, the attorney general shall give his opinion in regard to any controversy

or dispute regarding the board's duties and responsibilities.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 33:2477.1 and 2537.1)