

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative the administration of tests by the state examiner for certain positions in the city of Shreveport

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Item (g)(4)(b) of Paragraph 22 of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the  
3 1921 Constitution of Louisiana, as amended, continued as a statute pursuant to  
4 Article X, Section 18 of the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana, and R.S.  
5 33:2492(7)(d)(ii) and to repeal R.S. 33:2552(7)(d)(ii), relative to the municipal fire  
6 and police civil service; to provide relative to the administration of tests by the state  
7 examiner; to make certain provisions applicable only to the city of Shreveport; and  
8 to provide for related matters.

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

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

17 §15.1. Fire and police civil service; municipalities of 13,000 to 250,000

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1 management, and supervision of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and other signal  
2 systems.

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4 Section 3. R.S. 33:2552(7)(d)(ii) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Makes certain provisions of the municipal fire and police civil service relative to the administration of tests applicable only to the city of Shreveport.

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 of Louisiana made statutory by the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana. 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. Requires the board to establish and maintain employment lists containing the names of persons eligible for appointment to various classes of positions in the classified service. Requires the board, through the state examiner, to provide for tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon promotional and competitive employment lists.

Present law provides that promotional tests may be held as the needs of the service require, but requires that they be given at least one time during each successive period of 18 months. Provides that competitive tests shall only be given as the needs of the service require and requires that they be given for classes comprising certain duties and positions including the operation and maintenance of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and other signal systems. Provides an exception for municipalities having a population between 198,000 and 200,000 by including the operations, management, and supervision of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and other signal systems among those positions for which competitive tests shall be given.

Proposed law retains present law but with respect to the exception applicable to certain municipalities, removes the population reference and makes the exception applicable only to the city of Shreveport.

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