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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the Baton Rouge police department from the municipal fire and police civil service system.

Present constitution creates a system of classified fire and police civil service for all municipalities having a population exceeding 13,000 and operating a regularly paid fire and municipal police department and to all parishes and fire protection districts operating a regularly paid fire department.

Present constitution retains as statutes provisions of the 1921 Constitution of La. applicable to the municipal fire and police civil service. Authorizes the legislature, by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house, to amend those provisions but prohibits the legislature from abolishing the system or making the system inapplicable to any municipality having a population exceeding 13,000 or to any parish or fire protection district operating a regularly paid fire department.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the provisions of the 1921 Constitution of La. are not applicable to the Baton Rouge police department. Prohibits the legislature from enacting a law providing for inclusion of the Baton Rouge police department in a civil service system that includes other police departments.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. X, §§16 and 18)