
DIGEST

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HB 563 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes housing authorities to adopt a resolution to provide that its employees shall not be included in the state civil service.

Present constitution (Art. X, §1(A)) provides that state civil service includes all persons holding offices and positions of trust or employment in the employ of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, or any joint state-federal, state-parochial, or state-municipal agency. Excludes members of the state police service and persons holding offices and positions of any municipal board of health or local governmental subdivision.

Proposed law retains present constitution.

Present law (R.S. 40:539(C)(8)) provides that all employees of housing authorities shall be in the classified state civil service, except as provided in the constitution or as may be authorized by the State Civil Service Commission. Present law also excepts from this requirement: authority members, the executive director, one other employee whom the authority designates, and professional employees employed on a contract basis.

Present law provides that the housing authorities in New Orleans, Cottonport, Denham Springs, Oil City, Lafayette, Monroe, Shreveport, Kenner, Simmsport, Bunkie, Colfax, Kinder, Berwick, and Morgan City, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority shall not be considered instrumentalities of the state for purposes of Const. Art. X, §1(A) and that employees of the authorities shall not be included in the state civil service.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes a housing authority, upon determining that it should not be considered to be an instrumentality of the state for purposes of Art. X, §1(A) and that the employees of such authority shall not be included in the state civil service, to adopt a resolution to that effect and to transmit a certified copy of the resolution by certified mail to the director of the Dept. of State Civil Service. Requires that the resolution be given effect upon the director's receipt.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and

Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add authority for housing authorities to continue to have their employees included in state civil service.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law providing that employees of a housing authority shall not be included in state civil service.
2. Remove proposed law providing that a housing authority that wants to continue to have its employees included in state civil service to submit a resolution to the Dept. of State Civil Service by a certain date.
3. Add proposed law authorizing a housing authority that does not want to have its employees included in state civil service to submit a resolution to the director of the Dept. of State Civil Service.
4. Add a special effective date.