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HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

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CIVIL SERVICE/MUNICIPAL: Provides with respect to testing for civil service entrance and promotion for certain city civil service employees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2479(G) and to enact R.S. 33:2473(22), relative to testing for
3 certain city civil service employees; to authorize the state examiner of municipal fire
4 and police civil service, upon request of a city civil service commission, to prepare,
5 administer, score, and report on tests for applicants for fire service and police service
6 positions in certain city civil service systems; to provide for the Louisiana State Law
7 Institute to redesignate certain provisions; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:2479(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:2473(22)
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2473. Definitions

12 The following words and phrases when used in this Part shall have the
13 following meaning, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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15 22.(a) "City civil service" means a city civil service system governed by the
16 provisions of Part I of Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana.

17 (b) "City civil service commission" means the governing authority of a city
18 civil service.

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1 §2479. State examiner of municipal fire and police civil service

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3 G.(1) The state examiner shall:

4 ~~(1)~~(a) Assist the various boards in an advisory capacity in the discharge of
5 their duties.

6 ~~(2)~~(b) Prepare and submit a classification plan to each board for its approval,
7 after consultation with the appointing and departmental authorities of the
8 departmental service for which a plan is prepared and submitted, as provided in R.S.
9 33:2483.

10 ~~(3)~~(c) Prepare and administer tests of fitness for original entrance and
11 promotion to applicants for positions in the respective classified service of the
12 municipalities; score the tests and furnish the results to the board for which the tests
13 are given.

14 ~~(4)~~(d) Cooperate with the secretary of each board in maintaining a roster of
15 all fire and police civil service employees in which shall be set forth the name of
16 each employee, the class title of position held, the salary or other compensation, any
17 change in class title, and any other necessary data.

18 ~~(5)~~(e) Assist and cooperate in an advisory manner with the various
19 appointing authorities, department officers, and the classified employees of the
20 municipalities regarding the duties and obligations imposed upon them by the
21 provisions of this Part.

22 ~~(6)~~(f) Encourage employee training in the classified service and, when
23 possible, attend the training courses or parts thereof.

24 ~~(7)~~(g) Make annual or biennial reports regarding the work of his office to the
25 governor.

26 (2) Upon request of a city civil service commission and notwithstanding the
27 provisions of R.S. 33:2471, the state examiner may prepare and administer tests of
28 fitness for original entrance and promotion to applicants for fire service and police
29 service positions in the classified service of a city civil service, score such tests, and

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1 furnish the results of such tests to the city civil service commission for which the
2 tests were given.

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4 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute shall place the provisions of R.S.
5 33:2473(22) as enacted in this Act in alphabetical order with other definitions in R.S.
6 33:2473 and redesignate the Paragraphs in R.S. 33:2473. The Louisiana State Law Institute
7 shall make any changes in citations in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 necessary by
8 reason of such redesignations.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service, upon request, to prepare, administer, score, and report results of tests of applicants for fire and police positions in a city civil service system.

Present constitution (Part I of Const. Art. X) provides for the city civil service in cities having a population of over 400,000. Also authorizes cities of 10,000 but under 400,000 to elect to be governed by the provisions of Part I of Art. X. [Note: Present constitution authorized exclusion of firemen and policemen from the city civil service by the voters of the municipality at an election to be held within one year after the effective date of the constitution. The election in New Orleans resulted in including firemen and policemen in the city civil service.] Present constitution (Art. X, Part II) provides for a system of classified fire and police civil service in municipalities having a population over 13,000 and operating a paid fire and municipal police department, in all parishes, and in fire protection districts operating a regularly paid fire department.

Present law provides with respect to fire and police civil service systems in municipalities of 13,000 to 250,000 population (applicability specified in R.S. 33:2471), including provisions for testing of applicants for positions. Present law provides for a state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service and provides that the state examiner shall prepare and administer tests of fitness for original entrance and promotion to applicants for positions in the respective classified fire and police civil service, score the tests, and furnish the results to the board for which the tests are given.

Proposed law authorizes the state examiner, upon request of a city civil service commission, to prepare and administer tests of fitness for original entrance and promotion to applicants for fire service and police service positions in the classified service of a city civil service, to score such tests, and to furnish the results of such tests to the city civil service commission for which the tests were given. Defines "city civil service" as a city civil service system governed by the provisions of Const. Art X, Part I. Defines "city civil service commission" as the governing authority of a city civil service.

Proposed law requires the La. State Law Institute (LSLI) to place the provisions of R.S. 33:2473(22) as enacted in the Act in alphabetical order with other definitions in the Section

and to redesignate the Paragraphs in the Section. Requires the LSLI to change citations as necessary by reason of such redesignations.

(Amends R.S. 33:2479(G); Adds R.S. 33:2473(22))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Authorizes the state examiner to prepare, administer, score, and submit results of tests upon request of a city civil service commission, rather than requiring him to do so.