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Cortez

Present law, relative to municipal fire and police civil service for municipalities with a population between 13,000 and 250,000, defines "seniority" as the total employment computed for an employee beginning with the last date on which he was regularly and permanently appointed to a particular department and has worked continuously to and including the date of computation.

Proposed law provides that "departmental seniority" is defined as the term "seniority" is defined in present law and adds "promotional seniority" as a defined term to mean the total cumulative employment in a class of positions of the next lower class from which a promotion is to be made. Further provides that employment counted toward seniority in the next lower class shall include the aggregate of all temporary appointments, the working test period, and employment as a regular and permanent employee in the class, less the aggregate of suspensions without pay while serving in a position of the class.

Present law provides that promotions to vacant positions shall be filled by qualified applicants in order of seniority in total departmental service.

Proposed law retains present law, but makes an exception for the Lafayette Police Department. Provides that when a vacant position in the Lafayette Police Department is filled by a promotion, it shall be by qualified applicants in the order of promotional seniority in the next lower rank.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2473(20), 2491(D) and (H), and 2494(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds definition of "promotional seniority".
2. Adds authority for the municipal civil service board for the Lafayette Police Department to maintain and generate employment lists based on promotional seniority.