

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1392

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON AND SENATOR MCPHERSON

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to competitive tests in the municipal police civil service

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2492(1)(b) and (7), 2493(A)(2), 2552(1)(b) and (7), and
3 2553(A)(2), relative to municipal fire and police civil service; to provide relative to
4 competitive tests for certain positions in the classified police service; to provide
5 relative to notice of such tests; to provide for restrictions governing admission to
6 such tests; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:2492(1)(b) and (7), 2493(A)(2), 2552(1)(b) and (7), and
9 2553(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2492. Tests

11 Tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional
12 and competitive employment lists shall be provided, as follows:

13 (1)

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15 (b)(i) In addition to the posted notice, public notice for all tests to be given
16 on a competitive basis which are open to applicants outside of the respective
17 department shall be published at least four times during the thirty-day period in the
18 official journal of the municipality in which such tests are to be held. This notice of
19 examination need not reveal the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but

1 all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced
2 test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the board may prescribe.

3 (ii) Public notice for all tests to be given on a competitive basis which are
4 not open to applicants outside of the respective department shall be given in
5 accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

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7 (7) Competitive tests shall be held only as the needs of the service require
8 and shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

9 (a) Chief of the departmental service.

10 (b) The second highest class in the classified police service at the rank of
11 either assistant chief or deputy chief.

12 (c) The entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service.

13 ~~(d)~~ (d) The entrance or lowest ranking class in any group of classes where the
14 various classes have been divided into groups by the classification plan.

15 ~~(e)~~ (e) Operation, maintenance, and supervision of radio, fire alarm, police
16 alarm, and other signal systems.

17 ~~(f)~~ (f) Automotive or fire apparatus mechanics and repairmen.

18 ~~(g)~~ (g) Secretary to the chief.

19 ~~(h)~~ (h) Departmental records clerk.

20 ~~(i)~~ (i) For a position in any class in the classified service after reasonable
21 efforts by preceding methods provided by this Part have failed to produce names of
22 persons eligible for regular appointment thereto.

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24 §2493. Admission to tests

25 A. Admission to tests provided by the civil service board through the state
26 examiner shall be as follows:

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28 (2) Admission to competitive tests shall be open to all persons who meet the
29 requirements provided by this Part and the rules of the board; however, admission

1 to competitive tests provided for in accordance with R.S. 33:2492(7)(b) may be
2 limited to regular employees of the municipal police department for which the test
3 is given in the manner provided by the rules of the board.

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5 §2552. Tests

6 Tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional
7 and competitive employment lists shall be provided, as follows:

8 (1)

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10 (b) In addition to the posted notice, public notice for all tests to be given on
11 a competitive basis which are open to applicants outside of the respective department
12 shall be published at least four times during the thirty-day period in the official
13 journal of the municipality, parish, or fire protection district, as the case may be, in
14 which such tests are to be held. This notice of examination need not state the exact
15 date on which tests shall be administered, but all applicants shall be advised of the
16 date, place, and time to report for an announced test at least five days in advance
17 thereof in any manner the board may prescribe.

18 (ii) Public notice for all tests to be given on a competitive basis which are
19 not open to applicants outside of the respective department shall be given in
20 accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

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22 (7) Competitive tests shall be held only as the needs of the service require
23 and shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

24 (a) Chief of the departmental service.

25 (b) The second highest class in the classified police service at the rank of
26 either assistant chief or deputy chief.

27 (c) The entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service.

28 ~~(e)~~ (d) The entrance or lowest ranking class in any group of classes where the
29 various classes have been divided into groups by the classification plan.

Present law provides that, relative to tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional and competitive employment in the police civil service in municipalities with population between 13,000 and 250,000, in addition to the posted notice, public notice for all tests to be given on a competitive basis must be published at least four times during the 30-day period in the official journal of the municipality in which such tests are to be held. Present law further provides that this notice of examination need not reveal the exact date on which tests are to be administered, but all applicants are to be advised of the date, place, and time to report for an announced test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the board may prescribe.

Proposed law retains present law to the extent it applies to competitive tests open to applicants from outside of the respective department. Proposed law requires public notice for all competitive tests which are closed to outside applicants to be provided pursuant to present law provisions governing notice of promotional tests.

Present law provides that competitive tests in the police civil service in municipalities with population between 13,000 and 250,000 are to be held only as the needs of the service require and shall be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

- (1) Chief of the departmental service.
- (2) The entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service.
- (3) The entrance or lowest ranking class in any group of classes where the various classes have been divided into groups by the classification plan.
- (4) Operation, maintenance, and supervision of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and other signal systems.
- (5) Automotive or fire apparatus mechanics and repairmen.
- (6) Secretary to the chief.
- (7) Departmental records clerk.
- (8) For a position in any class in the classified service after reasonable efforts by preceding methods provided by this Part have failed to produce names of persons eligible for regular appointment thereto.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following position: the second highest class in the classified police service at the rank of either assistant chief or deputy chief.

Present law provides that admission to competitive tests in the police civil service in municipalities with population between 13,000 and 250,000 will be open to all persons who meet the requirements provided by present law and the rules of the board.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a provision that admission to competitive tests provided for in accordance with proposed law may be limited to regular employees of the municipal police department for which the test is given in the manner provided by the rules of the board.

Present law provides that, relative to tests to determine the eligibility of applicants for entry upon the promotional and competitive employment lists in the police civil service in small municipalities, public notice for all tests to be given on a competitive basis is to be published at least four times during the 30-day period in the official journal of the municipality, parish, or fire protection district, as the case may be, in which such tests are to be held. Present law further provides that this notice of examination need not state the exact date on which tests shall be administered, but all applicants shall be advised of the date, place, and time to report

for an announced test at least five days in advance thereof in any manner the board may prescribe.

Proposed law retains present law to the extent it applies to competitive tests open to applicants from outside of the respective department. Proposed law requires public notice for all competitive tests which are closed to outside applicants to be provided pursuant to present law provisions governing notice of promotional tests.

Present law provides that competitive tests in the police civil service in small municipalities are to be held only as the needs of the service require and will be given for classes comprising only the following duties or positions:

- (1) Chief of the departmental service.
- (2) The entrance or lowest ranking class in the classified service.
- (3) The entrance or lowest ranking class in any group of classes where the various classes have been divided into groups by the classification plan.
- (4) Operation, maintenance, and supervision of radio, fire alarm, police alarm, and other signal systems.
- (5) Automotive or fire apparatus mechanics and repairmen.
- (6) Secretary to the chief.
- (7) Departmental records clerk.
- (8) For a position in any class in the classified service after reasonable efforts by preceding methods provided by this Part have failed to produce names of persons eligible for regular appointment thereto.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following position: the second highest class in the classified police service at the rank of either assistant chief or deputy chief.

Present law provides that admission to competitive tests in the police civil service in small municipalities will be open to all persons who meet the requirements provided by present law and the rules of the board.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a provision that admission to competitive tests provided for in accordance with proposed law may be limited to regular employees of the municipal police department for which the test is given in the manner provided by the rules of the board.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 33:2492(1)(b) and (7), 2493(A)(2), 2552(1)(b) and (7), and 2553(A)(2))