



- 1 fire protection districts from participating in certain political activities.  
2 (Repeals Article X, Section 20)
- 

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

Montoucet

HB No. 384

**Abstract:** Repeals constitutional provision prohibiting the legislature from changing provisions governing the political activities of employees in the classified fire and police civil service in certain municipalities, parishes, and fire protection districts.

Present constitution creates a fire and police civil service system applicable to municipalities of over 13,000 in population and parishes and fire protection districts. Provides that the system is subject to Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Const. of La. made statutory by the 1974 constitution. Authorizes the legislature, by law enacted by 2/3 of the elected members of each house, to amend or otherwise modify most of those provisions of the 1921 constitution that were made statutory. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

However, present constitution provides specifically that the provision of the 1921 constitution prohibiting certain political activities by members of the fire and police civil service system is retained and continued in force and effect; consequently that provision is not subject to modification by the legislature. Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Present law, not currently subject to modification by the legislature, prohibits certain activities, including activities involving attempting to influence appointments within the classified service, contributions to political organizations, membership in political parties, and political speeches and political statements.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Repeals Const. Art. X, §20)