

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 167

BY SENATOR CHEEK

MUNICIPALITIES. Creates the position of Chief of Fire Support Staff in the Shreveport Fire Department. (8/15/11)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2589.1, relative to the city of Shreveport; to provide for the creation of the
3 position of chief of fire support staff; to provide for the appointment, powers,
4 qualifications, and responsibilities of such position; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:2589.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§2589.1. Shreveport chief of fire support staff; competitive appointment**

10 **A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the**
11 **governing authority in the city of Shreveport may create, by ordinance, the**
12 **position of chief of fire support staff in accordance with the provisions of this**
13 **Section. The position shall be filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligible**
14 **persons as provided for under R.S. 33:2491, and the right of selection,**
15 **appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position shall be vested in the**
16 **fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing authority. In addition, the**
17 **governing authority shall establish the duties and responsibilities of the chief of**

1 fire support staff in the ordinance creating the position. Such duties and
2 responsibilities may include direct supervision over all support staff positions
3 in the classified service below and including the rank of chief of training, chief
4 of EMS, chief of communications, chief of fire prevention, and chief of
5 maintenance as well as any other future support staff as assigned by the fire
6 chief.

7 B.(1) The chief of fire support staff shall have not less than ten years of
8 full time fire service experience and shall at least hold the rank in the classified
9 fire service of training officer, EMS officer, fire communications officer, fire
10 prevention officer, emergency vehicle technician, chief of fire safety,
11 administrative assistant to the fire chief, or aviation task force coordinator at
12 the time of his appointment.

13 (2) Any person who holds the position of chief of fire support staff may,
14 while holding such position, apply for admission to the promotional
15 examination for the class next higher than that from which he held at the time
16 of his appointment. However, the name and score of any chief of fire support
17 staff shall not be certified to the appointing authority by the civil service board
18 as eligible for appointment to a position of the promotional class. His name and
19 score shall be eligible for certification, in accordance with the maximum period
20 for which a name may remain on the eligibility list in accordance with the
21 provisions of this Chapter, only upon demotion to a position of the class he held
22 at the time of his appointment as chief of fire support staff.

23 (3) Eligibility for admission to the competitive test for chief of fire
24 support staff shall be limited to members of the same department as the fire
25 chief at the time of appointment.

26 C.(1) Any person who is appointed from a position in the classified fire
27 service to serve as chief of fire support staff shall not forfeit seniority
28 accumulated to the date of the appointment, and shall continue to accumulate
29 seniority in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter during the time he

- 1 **holds the position of chief of fire support staff.**
- 2 **(2) If a chief of fire support staff is subjected to corrective or**
- 3 **disciplinary action, he shall have the same rights as any other employee in the**
- 4 **municipal fire and police civil service.**

The original instrument was prepared by James Benton. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

Cheek (SB 167)

Proposed law provides for the creation of the position of chief of fire support staff in the city of Shreveport. Such position shall be created by ordinance. The position shall be filled on a competitive basis and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position shall be vested in the fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing authority.

Proposed law provides that the governing authority shall establish the duties and responsibilities of the chief of fire support staff in the ordinance creating the position. Such duties and responsibilities may include direct supervision over all support staff positions in the classified service below and including the rank of chief of training, chief of EMS, chief of communications, chief of fire prevention, and chief of maintenance as well as any other future support staff as assigned by the fire chief.

Proposed law provides that the chief of fire support staff shall have not less than ten years of full time fire service experience and shall at least hold the rank of training officer, EMS officer, fire communications officer, fire prevention officer, emergency vehicle technician, chief of fire safety, administrative assistant to the fire chief, or aviation task force coordinator in the classified fire service at the time of his appointment.

Proposed law provides that any person who is appointed from a position in the classified fire service to serve as chief of fire support staff shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his appointment, and he shall continue to accumulate seniority in accordance with the provisions of present law during the time he holds the position of chief of fire support staff.

Proposed law provides that if a chief of fire support staff is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action, he shall have the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 33:2589.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Removes proposed requirement that a chief of fire support staff undergo periodic evaluation and confirmation.