

SENATE BILL NO. 167

BY SENATOR CHEEK

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**
18 **fire support staff in the ordinance creating the position. Such duties and**
19 **responsibilities may include direct supervision over all support staff positions**
20 **in the classified service below and including the rank of chief of training, chief**
21 **of EMS, chief of communications, chief of fire prevention, and chief of**
22 **maintenance as well as any other future support staff as assigned by the fire**
23 **chief.**

24 **B.(1) The chief of fire support staff shall have not less than ten years of**
25 **full time fire service experience and shall at least hold the rank in the classified**
26 **fire service of training officer, EMS officer, fire communications officer, fire**
27 **prevention officer, emergency vehicle technician, chief of fire safety,**

1 administrative assistant to the fire chief, or aviation task force coordinator at
 2 the time of his appointment.

3 (2) Any person who holds the position of chief of fire support staff may,
 4 while holding such position, apply for admission to the promotional
 5 examination for the class next higher than that which he held at the time of his
 6 appointment. However, the name and score of any chief of fire support staff
 7 shall not be certified to the appointing authority by the civil service board as
 8 eligible for appointment to a position of the promotional class. His name and
 9 score shall be eligible for certification, in accordance with the maximum period
 10 for which a name may remain on the eligibility list in accordance with the
 11 provisions of this Chapter, only upon demotion to a position of the class he held
 12 at the time of his appointment as chief of fire support staff.

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

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

21 (2) If a chief of fire support staff is subjected to corrective or
 22 disciplinary action, he shall have the same rights as any other employee in the
 23 municipal fire and police civil service.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____