

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATOR ERDEY

LOCAL EMPLOYEES. Provides that the positions of police chief and fire chief for the city of Denham Springs are in the unclassified service. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2541.5 and 2541.6, relative to the city of Denham Springs; to provide

3 relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide that the positions of

4 chief of police and fire chief for the city of Denham Springs shall be in the

5 unclassified service; to provide authority for selection, appointment, supervision, and

6 discharge of such positions; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:2541.5 and 2541.6 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§2541.5. Police chief; city of Denham Springs; unclassified service**

11 **A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the position**

12 **of chief of police for the city of Denham Springs shall be in the unclassified**

13 **service, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for**

14 **such position shall be vested in the mayor of the city. The appointment and**

15 **selection of the chief of police shall be subject to the approval of the municipal**

16 **governing authority.**

17 **(2) The chief of police shall have not less than five years of full-time law**

1 enforcement experience and shall have successfully completed a certified
2 training program approved by the Peace Officer Standards and Training
3 Council. Any person appointed to the position of chief of police shall meet all
4 qualifications and requirements as provided in the municipal compensation
5 plan in effect at the time of his appointment.

6 B. Any person who resigns from a position in the classified service to
7 accept an appointment as chief of police shall not forfeit his seniority
8 accumulated to the date of his resignation, but he shall not accumulate seniority
9 during the time he is not in the classified service. If any such person resigns
10 from the position of chief of police or is terminated for any reason other than
11 malfeasance in office, he shall be eligible to be reemployed to the same position
12 in the classified service in which he was employed immediately preceding his
13 resignation from the classified service. If the position has been filled or no
14 longer exists, then his employer shall employ him in a comparable position.

15 §2541.6. Fire chief; city of Denham Springs; unclassified service

16 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the position of fire
17 chief for the city of Denham Springs shall be in the unclassified service, and the
18 right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position
19 shall be vested in the governing board of the district.

20 Section 2. The provisions of this Act are prospective only and shall not apply to the
21 individual occupying the position of chief of police or fire chief for the city of Denham
22 Springs on the effective date of this Act.

23 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
24 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
25 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
26 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
27 effective on the day following such approval.

