

Existing law generally provides that elected chiefs of police in municipalities with a mayor-board of aldermen form of government may only make recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen in relation to the appointment, promotion, discipline, and dismissal of police personnel. Provides exceptions.

New law provides an additional exception for the police chief in any municipality with a population of not less than 1,650 persons and not more than 1,800 persons and located in a parish with a population of not more than 104,000 persons and not less than 98,500 persons. Provides that the police chief shall appoint, promote, discipline, and discharge police personnel subject to the budgetary restrictions adopted by the mayor and the board of aldermen.

Existing law, applicable to police officers employed at a rank of captain or below in municipalities with a population of between 12,000 and 250,000, provides that such officers shall be paid at 1½ times their normal salary for each hour worked over 40 hours in a week. Authorizes such municipalities to implement a 14-day shift cycle and requires that officers shall receive overtime pay or compensatory time when the number of hours worked exceeds 80 hours in a two-week period. New law exempts any municipality with a population of between 12,000 and 12,700 from existing law.

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