

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 375

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

POLICE/LOCAL: Provides relative to qualifications for the police chief of a village

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:385.1(B), relative to municipal officers; to provide relative  
3 to the office of chief of police of a village; to provide relative to qualifications; to  
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:385.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §385.1. Qualifications of elected chief of police

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9 B.(1) The elected chief of police of a village shall ~~be an elector of the village~~  
10 ~~who at the time of qualification as a candidate for the office of chief of police shall~~  
11 ~~have been domiciled for at least the immediately preceding six months in the village~~  
12 reside within the boundaries of the parish in which the village is located.

13 (2) ~~A person who resides outside of the corporate limits of the village of~~  
14 ~~Dodson, but within the boundaries of Winn Parish, may be elected chief of police of~~  
15 ~~the village.~~

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to qualifications for the police chief of a village.

Present law provides relative to qualifications of elected chief of police. Provides, in general, that an elected chief of police of a village shall be an elector of the village who at the time of qualification for the office has been domiciled for at least the immediately preceding six months in the village. Provides for exceptions.

Proposed law provides instead that the police chief of a village shall be a resident of the parish in which the village is located.

Present law provides that a village is a municipality with a population of 1,000 or less.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:385.1(B))