

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 461

BY SENATOR REESE

LOCAL OFFICIALS. Provides for powers of the Vinton police chief. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:423.30, relative to the Vinton Police Department; to authorize the police chief to discipline police personnel; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:423.30 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§423.30. City of Vinton; disciplinary action by chief of police

Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:423 or any other provision of law to the contrary, in and for the city of Vinton, the chief of police may promote, and discipline police personnel subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and the city council, pertaining to the number of allotted positions of the police department. This provision shall not, however, prohibit a police department employee from making a direct appeal to the city council, who shall have the authority to modify or reverse any actions of the chief of police.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

SB 461 Engrossed

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Present law, applicable to most Lawrason Act municipalities, provides that the elected police chief makes recommendations to the mayor and board of alderman regarding the appointment, promotion, discipline, and dismissal of police personnel. Provides that the mayor and alderman are responsible for taking these actions with regard to police personnel.

Proposed law provides that the police chief for the city of Vinton may promote, and discipline police personnel subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and city council pertaining to the number of allotted positions.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall prohibit a police department employee from making a direct appeal to the city council, who shall have the authority to modify or reverse any actions of the chief of police.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:423.30)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that the police chief for the city of Vinton may promote police personnel.