

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 348 (HB 362)

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Fontenot

Existing law provides that the officers of a municipality governed by the provisions of the Lawrason Act (mayor-board of aldermen form of government) include a chief of police. Generally provides for election of the police chief, but provides for appointment of a police chief in certain specified municipalities. Further authorizes referendum procedures for making the police chief an appointed position if approved by the voters of the municipality.

Existing law creates the Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute within the office of the governor. Requires the institute to establish a new police chief development course and a police chief continuing education program.

Existing law requires each municipal police chief to successfully complete the new chief development course within one year after initial election or appointment. Additionally requires each municipal police chief to complete 12 hours of continuing education approved by the institute each calendar year. Provides exceptions to these requirements.

Existing law provides that a police chief who does not complete required training is subject to forfeiture of his supplemental pay.

New law additionally provides that a police chief who is required by existing law to complete the training and who does not complete the training shall not be reappointed or allowed to qualify for reelection, as applicable.

New law requires the institute to establish a procedure by which a police chief who has failed to complete the new chief development course may apply for an exemption due to emergency circumstances.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 33:2345(C); Adds R.S. 33:381(E) and 385.1(C))