

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

POLICE/MUNICIPAL: Provides relative to police services in the village of Calvin

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(36), relative to the village of Calvin and Winn Parish; to authorize
3 the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of
4 Calvin; to authorize making the police chief an appointed position; to authorize the
5 town to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law
6 enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:381(C)(36) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §381. Municipal officers

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14 C.

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16 (36)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the board
17 of aldermen of the village of Calvin may, upon recommendation of the mayor,
18 abolish the office of chief of police of the village or determine that the chief shall not
19 be elected at large but shall be appointed by the board upon recommendation of the

1 mayor. No such action by the board shall be effective until the end of the term of the
2 police chief in office at the time of the action or when a vacancy occurs in the office.

3 (b) If the office of chief of police is abolished and the municipal police
4 department is abolished pursuant to R.S. 33:362(C), the village may contract with
5 or enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any law enforcement entity or
6 officer within Winn Parish for police services for the village. If the office of chief
7 of police is made appointive, the term of office and salary of the chief shall be
8 determined by the board of aldermen upon recommendation of the mayor.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the abolition of the office of police chief or the appointment of the police chief in the village of Calvin and authorizes the municipality to contract for law enforcement services.

Present law provides that the officers of every municipality governed by the provisions of the Lawrason Act (mayor-board of alderman form of government) shall be a mayor, aldermen, a chief of police, a tax collector, and a clerk.

Present law provides for at-large election of the mayor and police chief in all municipalities. Further provides for exceptions with respect to the chief of police in certain municipalities.

Proposed law provides an exception for the office of police chief in the village of Calvin. Provides that the board of aldermen may, upon recommendation of the mayor, abolish the office of police chief or determine that the chief shall be appointed rather than elected. Provides that such an action is not effective until the end of the term of the police chief in office at the time of that action or when a vacancy occurs in the office.

Present law (R.S. 33:362(C)) provides that any department of such a municipality, other than the police department in a municipality with an elected chief of police, shall be created, abolished, merged, or consolidated by the board of aldermen, upon the written recommendation of the mayor.

Proposed law provides that, if the office of police chief and the police department are abolished pursuant to proposed law and present law, the mayor and board of aldermen may contract with any law enforcement entity or officer within Winn Parish for police services.

(Adds R.S. 33:381(C)(36))