

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

POLICE/LOCAL: Provides for the qualifications for the office of police chief in the village of Pine Prairie

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 the village of Pine Prairie; to provide relative to  
4 qualifications; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §385.1. Qualifications of elected chief of police

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12 B.(1) The elected chief of police of a village shall reside within the  
13 boundaries of the parish in which the village is located.

14 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, an  
15 elected chief of police in the village of Pine Prairie shall reside within the corporate  
16 limits of the village. At the time of qualification as a candidate for the office of chief  
17 of police, a person shall have been domiciled in the village for at least the  
18 immediately preceding year.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 50 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires that the chief of police of the village of Pine Prairie reside within the corporate limits of the village.

Present law requires an elected chief of police of a village to reside within the boundaries of the parish in which the village is located.

Present law, applicable to other municipalities, requires that the police chief reside in the municipality and requires a candidate for police chief to have lived in the municipality for the year preceding qualifying for the office.

Proposed law makes an exception for the village of Pine Prairie and requires that the chief of police reside within the corporate boundaries of the village and requires a candidate to have lived in the village for the year preceding qualifying.

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