

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

CIVIL SERVICE/FIRE & POL: Provides relative to the authority of the police chief in the city of Eunice

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:423.27, relative to the Eunice police department; to provide that the board  
3 of alderman may authorize the police chief to appoint, discipline, and discharge  
4 police personnel; 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. 33:423.27 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §423.27. City of Eunice; authority over police personnel by chief of police  
11 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:423 or any other provision of law  
12 to the contrary, in and for the city of Eunice, the board of alderman may, by  
13 resolution, designate the chief of police as the appointing authority of the police  
14 department and thereby authorize him to appoint, discipline, and discharge police  
15 personnel subject to the budgetary limitations established by the mayor and board  
16 of alderman pertaining to the number of allotted positions for the police department.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the Eunice board of alderman may authorize the police chief to appoint, discipline, and discharge police personnel.

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, applicable to Eunice, provides that the board of alderman may by resolution authorize the police chief to appoint, discipline, and discharge police personnel subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and board of alderman pertaining to the number of allotted positions.

(Adds R.S. 33:423.27)