

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH AND SENATOR MILLIGAN

POLICE/LOCAL: Provides relative to employees of the Shreveport police department

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2197 and to repeal R.S. 33:2213(J), relative to the city of Shreveport; to  
3 provide relative to the city's police department; to authorize the chief of police to  
4 establish a two-platoon system; to provide relative to work shift cycles for certain  
5 employees of the department; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2197 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2197. Platoon system; police department; city of Shreveport

12 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to  
13 maximize police protection, the chief of police of the Shreveport police department  
14 may divide the employees of the department into two platoons.

15 B. The chief of police may use either a three-platoon system or a two-  
16 platoon system to implement any work shift cycle otherwise authorized by law for  
17 employees of the Shreveport police department, including any work shift cycle  
18 established by the city of Shreveport pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 33:2213(H).

19 C. The chief of police may adopt such rules and regulations as he deems  
20 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

1 Section 2. R.S. 33:2213(J) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Shreveport police chief to establish a two-platoon system for employees of the city's police department.

Present law requires the officer having management of the police department in any municipality with a population of more than 50,000 persons to divide the members of the department into three platoons.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for the city of Shreveport. Authorizes the city's police chief to divide employees of the police department into two platoons.

Present law, applicable to police officers employed at a rank of captain or below in municipalities with a population of between 12,000 and 250,000, provides that such officers shall be paid at 1-1/2 times their normal salary for each hour worked over 40 hours in a week. Authorizes such municipalities to implement a 14-day shift cycle and requires that officers receive overtime pay or compensatory time when the number of hours worked exceeds 80 hours in a two-week period. Present law provides exemptions for specified municipalities. Further provides that the present law provisions do not apply to any employee of the city of Shreveport in a position, grade, or class above lieutenant.

Proposed law retains present law but repeals the exception for the city of Shreveport. Proposed law additionally authorizes the Shreveport police chief to use a three-platoon system or a two-platoon system to implement any work shift cycle otherwise authorized by law.

(Adds R.S. 33:2197; Repeals R.S. 33:2213(J))