

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 326

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

LOCAL OFFL/POLICE CHIEFS: Provides relative to the police chief of the village of Tickfaw

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:385.1(B)(3), relative to the village of Tickfaw; to provide relative to the
3 office of police chief of the village; to provide relative to the qualifications for the
4 office; 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)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §385.1. Qualifications of elected chief of police

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12 B.

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14 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, an
15 elected chief of police in the village of Tickfaw 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 326 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires that the police chief of the village of Tickaw reside within the corporate limits of the village.

Present law requires that an elected police chief of a municipality, except a village, be an elector of the municipality. Further requires that a candidate for police chief be domiciled for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality.

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

Proposed law makes an exception for the village of Tickfaw. Requires that the elected police chief reside within the corporate limits of the village and requires a candidate for police chief to have been domiciled in the village for the year preceding qualifying.

(Adds R.S. 33:385.1(B)(3))