

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 867

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(38), relative to the town of Fordoche; to provide relative to the
3 office of chief of police; to provide that the office is appointive and not elective; to
4 provide relative to the salary, qualifications, supervision, powers and duties, and
5 term of the office of chief of police; 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. 33:381(C)(38) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §381. Municipal officers

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13 C.

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15 (38) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the chief of
16 police of the town of Fordoche shall not be elected at large but shall be appointed by
17 the mayor upon approval by majority vote of the board of aldermen of the town.
18 However, no such appointment shall be made until the end of the term of the elected
19 chief of police in office on the effective date of this Paragraph, unless the office is
20 vacant or filled by an officer temporarily appointed as of that date. The term of
21 office of the chief of police shall be concurrent with that of the appointing mayor and
22 aldermen. The board of aldermen, upon recommendation of the mayor, shall
23 establish the salary of the chief of police and shall, by ordinance, establish the duties,

