

1 WHEREAS, a fire chief plays a crucial role in ensuring the efficient and effective
2 functioning of a fire department; and

3 WHEREAS, the fire chief is the top executive in a fire department, responsible for
4 planning, directing, and coordinating the department's activities to protect life and property;
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6 WHEREAS, the fire chief has ultimate supervisory authority over operations,
7 personnel, and administration of a fire department and is directly responsible to the
8 municipal, parish, or fire protection government or the appointing authority for the
9 management and performance of the department; and

10 WHEREAS, a fire chief's duties may include fire suppression, emergency medical
11 services, hazardous materials response, and disaster management; and

12 WHEREAS, because a fire chief has numerous duties and responsibilities, the
13 position of fire chief should be a full-time position, and no person should serve as fire chief
14 on a part-time, volunteer, or purely contractual basis; and

15 WHEREAS, it is essential to provide for a comprehensive review of the duties and
16 responsibilities of fire chiefs throughout the state and to provide for a uniform definition in
17 state law for the position of fire chief.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 establish the Task Force on Fire Chief Operations to examine the position of fire chief in the
20 fire and police civil service, including providing for a uniform definition in state law for the
21 position of fire chief, and to provide a written report of its findings and recommendations
22 to the members of the House of Representatives and to the David R. Poynter Legislative
23 Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772 no later than thirty days prior to the
24 convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
26 members:

27 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural
28 Affairs or his designee.

29 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Commerce or his designee.

30 (3) The state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service or his designee.

1 (4) The president of the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana or
2 his designee.

3 (5) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his
4 designee.

5 (6) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.

6 (7) The president of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association or his designee.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the name
8 of any designee to the state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service no later than
9 August 1, 2026.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting
11 no later than September 1, 2026, at the call of the chairman of the House Committee on
12 Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs or his designee.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members shall elect a
14 chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the office of
16 the state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
18 quorum for the transaction of business, and all official actions of the task force shall require
19 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
21 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
22 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
24 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the
25 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the
27 conclusion of its business or February 15, 2027, whichever occurs first.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service, the president of the Professional
30 Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Police Jury Association

1 of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the president of the
2 Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.

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