

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 99

BY SENATOR MORRISH

MUNICIPALITIES. Authorizes the chief of police for the Town of Welsh to effect certain disciplinary action relative to police personnel. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:423.25, relative to the town of Welsh; to provide for the chief of police's  
3 authority regarding discipline of police personnel; and to provide for related matters.

4 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:423.25 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§423.25. Town of Welsh; disciplinary action by chief of police**

8 **Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:423 or any other provision of**  
9 **law to the contrary, in and for the town of Welsh, the chief of police may take**  
10 **whatever steps are necessary to effect disciplinary action concerning police**  
11 **personnel, including but not limited to suspension. Any such disciplinary action**  
12 **shall be taken without regard to race, creed, or color and shall be subjected to**  
13 **review by the mayor and board of aldermen.**

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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DIGEST

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Present law generally provides that relative to any municipality governed by a mayor and board of aldermen form of government, the chief of police shall make recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen regarding personnel matters.

Proposed law authorizes the chief of police for the town of Welsh to take whatever steps are necessary to effect disciplinary action concerning police personnel, including but not limited to suspension.

Proposed law provides that any such disciplinary action shall be taken without regard to race, creed, or color and shall be subjected to review by the mayor and board of aldermen.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:423.25)