
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Engrossed House Bill No. 295 by Representative Johnson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 33:447.11" delete the remainder of the line and insert:

3 "and 447.12, relative to mayor's courts in certain municipalities; to authorize"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, between "ordinances;" and "and" insert:

6 "to require that the executive officer of a mayor's court in certain municipalities be
7 an elected chief of police;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 6, change "is" to "and 447.12 are"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, after line 12, add the following:

12 **§447.12. Mayor's court; chief executive officer in certain municipalities of**
13 **between six hundred and seven hundred; election, qualification, other duties**

14 **A.(1) In the mayor's court of any municipality subject to this Part with a**
15 **population of no less than six hundred nor more than seven hundred persons**
16 **according to the last federal decennial census and which municipality's**
17 **governing authority is not specifically required by law to appoint the chief of**
18 **police, a chief of police shall be elected to attend the court and serve its process**
19 **and act as its executive officer.**

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21 **(2) The chief of police provided for in this Section shall be elected at the same**
22 **time as the mayor and members of the board of aldermen of the municipality.**

23 **(3) For elections conducted pursuant to this Section, at the time of qualification**
24 **as a candidate for the office of chief of police, he shall have been domiciled and**
25 **have been an elector for at least the immediately preceding year in the parish**
26 **in which the municipality is located.**

27 **B. The chief of police elected pursuant to this Section shall have all power,**
28 **authority, and responsibility provided for an elected chief of police or marshal**
29 **in this Part and be the head of the municipal police department.**
30 **Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:423 or any other provision of law to**
31 **the contrary, the chief of police may take whatever steps are necessary to effect**
32 **disciplinary action concerning police personnel, including but not limited to**
33 **suspension. Any such disciplinary action shall be taken without regard to race,**
34 **creed, or color and shall be subjected to review by the mayor and board of**
35 **aldermen.**

36 **C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, the**
37 **board of aldermen of the municipality may, upon recommendation of the**
38 **mayor, contract with or enter into any cooperative endeavor with any law**
39 **enforcement entity or officer within the parish in which the municipality is**
40 **located for police services for said municipality. In any event, the municipality**

1 **shall adequately fund the salary, payroll, personnel and administrative**
2 **operations of the chief of police and the municipal police department."**