

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 202 (HB 164)

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Existing law provides for at-large election of the mayor and police chief in Lawrason Act municipalities. Further provides for exceptions with respect to the police chief in certain municipalities.

Existing law provides that any department of a municipality, other than the police department in a municipality with an elected police chief, shall be created, abolished, merged, or consolidated by the board of aldermen, upon the written recommendation of the mayor.

New law provides that the board of aldermen of the town of Stonewall may, upon the recommendation of the mayor, abolish the office of police chief. Provides that the abolition may not become effective during a term of office if an elected chief is serving in the office.

New law provides that if the office of police chief and the police department are abolished pursuant to new law and existing law, the mayor and board of aldermen may contract with any law enforcement entity or officer within DeSoto Parish for police services.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 14, 2017).

(Adds R.S. 33:381(C)(34))