
DIGEST

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HB 46 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the Amite police chief to appoint, promote, discipline, and discharge police personnel.

Present law, applicable to most Lawrason Act municipalities, provides that the elected police chief makes recommendations to the mayor and board of alderman regarding the appointment, promotion, discipline, and dismissal of police personnel. Provides that the mayor and alderman are responsible for taking these actions with regard to police personnel.

Present law, applicable to Amite, authorizes the police chief to take whatever steps are necessary to discipline police personnel. Proposed law provides for the police chief to appoint, promote, discipline, and discharge police personnel subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and board of alderman pertaining to the number of allotted positions. Further provides that any such action shall be taken without regard to race, creed, or color.

(Amends R.S. 33:423.17)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add requirement that provides that any action taken by the police chief, as authorized by proposed law, shall be taken without regard to race, creed, or color.