

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 60

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for the abolition of the office of police chief for the village of Hall Summit. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(37), relative to municipal officers of the village of Hall Summit;
3 to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in
4 the village of Hall Summit; to authorize the town to contract with other law
5 enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; to provide with
6 respect to terms of office and vacancies; and to provide for related matters

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:381(C)(37) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §381. Municipal officers

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12 C.

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14 (37)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
15 board of aldermen of the village of Hall Summit may, upon recommendation of
16 the mayor, abolish the office of chief of police of the village or determine that
17 the chief shall not be elected at-large but shall be appointed by the board upon

recommendation of the mayor. No such action by the board shall be effective until the end of the term of the police chief in office at the time of the action or when a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs first.

(b) If the office of chief of police is abolished and the municipal police department is abolished pursuant to R.S. 33:362(C), the mayor and board of aldermen shall be further authorized to contract with or enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any law enforcement entity or officer within Red River Parish for law enforcement services for the village.

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

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 33:381) provides that the officers of every municipality governed by the provisions of the Lawrason Act (mayor-board of alderman form of government) shall be a mayor, aldermen, a chief of police, a tax collector, and a clerk.

Present law (R.S. 33:362(C)) provides that any department of such a municipality, other than the police department in a municipality with an elected chief of police, shall be created, abolished, merged, or consolidated by the board of aldermen, upon the written recommendation of the mayor.

Present law (R.S. 33:381) provides for at-large election of the mayor and police chief in all municipalities. Further provides for exceptions with respect to the chief of police in certain municipalities.

Proposed law provides an exception for the office of police chief in the village of Hall Summit. Provides that the board of aldermen may, upon the recommendation of the mayor, abolish the office of police chief. Provides that the office cannot be abolished until the end of the term of the police chief in office at the time of that action or when a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law provides that if the office of police chief and the police department are abolished pursuant to proposed law and present law, the mayor and board of aldermen shall be authorized to contract with or enter in to a cooperative endeavor agreement with any law enforcement entity or officer within Red River Parish for law enforcement services.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 33:381(C)(37))