DIGEST

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Talbot HB No. 92

Abstract: Provides that the position of assistant police chief of Harahan is in the unclassified service and provides that his duties shall be determined by the police chief.

Present law (R.S. 33:423) requires the police chief of a municipality to make recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen for the appointment, promotion, and dismissal of police personnel and to effect disciplinary action. Present law (R.S. 33:423.2) provides that in Harahan, the police chief appoints and discharges police personnel subject to budgetary limitations of the mayor and board of aldermen.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the duties of the assistant chief of police shall be determined by the police chief and that the assistant chief shall act as chief in the administration of the police department in the chief's absence.

Present law (R.S. 33:2531 et seq.) establishes a civil service system applicable to police departments in cities with a population of 7,000-13,000 persons (including Harahan). Specifies which positions in such a department are part of the unclassified service and, therefore, are not subject to system requirements, such as competitive examinations for employment and promotion. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 33:2541) generally provides that any person with law enforcement responsibilities, except an elected police chief, is in the classified service. Proposed law retains present law except provides that the position of assistant police chief of Harahan is in the unclassified service. Further provides that the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position is vested in the police chief.

(Amends R.S. 33:423.2; Adds R.S. 33:2570)