

ACT No. 68

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 456

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2541.3, relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide
3 relative to the position of police chief for the city of Covington; to provide that such
4 position is in the unclassified service; to provide relative to the appointment,
5 supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to
6 qualifications; to provide relative to resignation from the position and return to the
7 classified service; and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:2541.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §2541.3. Police chief; city of Covington; unclassified service

14 A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the position of
15 chief of police for the city of Covington is in the unclassified service, and the right
16 of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position is vested in
17 the mayor of the city. The appointment and selection of the chief of police shall be
18 subject to the approval of the municipal governing authority.

19 (2) The chief of police shall have not less than five years of full-time law
20 enforcement experience and shall have successfully completed a certified training
21 program approved by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Any person
22 appointed to the position of chief of police shall meet all qualifications and
23 requirements as provided in the municipal compensation plan in effect at the time of
24 his appointment.

1 B. Any person who resigns from a position in the classified service to accept
 2 an appointment as chief of police shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the
 3 date of his resignation, but he shall not accumulate seniority during the time he is not
 4 in the classified service. If any such person resigns from the position of chief of
 5 police or is terminated for any reason other than malfeasance in office, he shall be
 6 eligible to be reemployed to the same position in the classified service in which he
 7 was employed immediately preceding his resignation from the classified service. If
 8 the position has been filled or no longer exists, then his employer shall employ him
 9 in a comparable position.

10 Section 2. The provisions of this Act are prospective only and shall not apply to the
 11 individual occupying the position of chief of police for the city of Covington on the effective
 12 date of this Act.

13 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 17 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____