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SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR MILLS

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LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides for police service classification and discretionary standards of the deputy chief of police position in the city of St. Martinville. (8/1/15)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2541.1(B)(1)(c), relative to the St. Martinville police
3	department; to provide relative to the deputy chief of police; to provide relative to
4	the classification of the position; to provide relative to selection, appointment,
5	supervision, and discharge of the deputy chief of police; and to provide for related
6	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. 33:2541.1(B)(1)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10	follows:
11	§2541.1. Deputy chief of police; competitive appointment
12	* * *
13	B.(1) * * *
14	(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, in
15	the city of St. Martinville, the qualifications for the position of deputy chief of police
16	shall be not less than five years of full-time law enforcement experience. <u>In</u>
17	addition, the position of deputy chief of police shall be in the unclassified police

service. The right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge of the

deputy chief of police shall be subject to the sole discretion of the chief of police

of St. Martinville.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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<u>Present law</u> authorizes a local governing authority to create, by ordinance, the position of deputy chief of police. Requires that the position be filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligibles and provides that the right of selection, appointment, supervision and discharge for such position be vested in the chief of police, subject to the approval of the appointing authority. Requires that the deputy chief of police have not less than eight years of full-time law enforcement experience and hold at least the rank of sergeant in the classified police service at the time of the appointment.

<u>Present law</u>, relative to St. Martinville, provides an exception to the eight-year qualification by requiring not less than five years of full-time law enforcement experience.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that the position of deputy chief of police in the city of St. Martinville is unclassified and that the selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge of the deputy chief of police is subject to the sole discretion of the St. Martinville chief of police.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 33:2541.1(B)(1)(c))