

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 397

BY SENATOR CONNICK

CIVIL SERVICE. Provides for the classification of the assistant police chief in the city of Westwego. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2569, relative to the position of assistant police chief for the city of Westwego; to provide relative to seniority; to provide regarding demotion from the position; to provide relative to corrective and disciplinary actions; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2569 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2569. Assistant police chief; city of Westwego

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:2541 or any other law to the contrary, the position of assistant chief of police for the city of Westwego shall be in the unclassified service, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for any such position shall be vested in the chief of police of the city.

**B.(1) Any person who is appointed from a position in the classified service to serve as assistant chief of police shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his appointment, and he shall continue to accumulate seniority in accordance with the provisions of this part during the time he holds**

1           **the position of assistant chief of police.**

2                   **(2) If any such person is demoted, or otherwise vacates the position on**  
 3           **the approval of the chief of police, he shall be demoted to a position in the class**  
 4           **he held immediately preceding his appointment as assistant chief of police. If an**  
 5           **assistant chief of police who is appointed from a position in the classified police**  
 6           **service is subjected to corrective disciplinary action, he shall have the same**  
 7           **rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.**

8           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 9           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 10          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 11          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 12          effective on the day following such approval.

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

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DIGEST

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Present law provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law or any other law to the contrary, the position of assistant chief of police for the city of Westwego will be in the unclassified service, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for any such position shall be vested in the chief of police of the city.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that any person who is appointed from a position in the classified service to serve as assistant chief of police will not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his appointment, and he will continue to accumulate seniority during the time he holds the position of assistant chief of police.

Proposed law further provides that if such person is demoted, or otherwise vacates the position on the approval of the chief of police, he will be demoted to a position in the classification he held immediately preceding his appointment as assistant chief of police. If an assistant chief of police who is appointed from a position in the classified police service is subjected to corrective disciplinary action, he will have the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:2569)