

Regular Session, 2010
HOUSE BILL NO. 537

ACT No. 474

BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(30), relative to the municipality of Jean Lafitte; to provide for the
3 filling of the office of police chief by appointment; to provide for the time and
4 method of appointment and for the salary, term, duties, qualifications, and
5 supervision of an appointed police chief; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:381(C)(30) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §381. Municipal officers

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13 C.

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15 (30) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office
16 of police chief in the municipality of Jean Lafitte shall be an appointive and not an
17 elective office. The mayor, with the approval of the board of aldermen, shall appoint
18 the police chief. If there is an elected chief in office on the effective date of this
19 Paragraph, the mayor shall make the first such appointment upon the expiration of
20 the current term or vacancy for other reason; otherwise, he shall make the first
21 appointment immediately. The board of aldermen, upon recommendation of the
22 mayor, shall establish the chief's salary and shall, by ordinance, establish the duties,
23 responsibilities, and qualifications of the office. The police chief's term of office
24 shall be concurrent with that of the appointing mayor and aldermen. The mayor

1 shall, in accordance with such ordinances, supervise and direct the administration of
2 the office, and the chief shall report directly to the mayor.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____