

CHAPTER 59
HB 155 – FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL ***155***

AN ACT relative to municipal contracts for police chief.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bickford, Straf 3

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows selectmen to designate a police chief by contract for a fixed term.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 59:1 Police Officers; Appointment. Amend RSA 105:1 to read as follows:

2 105:1 Appointment. The selectmen of a town, when they deem it necessary, may appoint special
3 police officers who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the selectmen, or until their
4 successors are chosen or appointed. The selectmen may designate one of the police officers as chief of
5 police or superintendent and as such officer the chief of police or superintendent shall exercise
6 authority over and supervise or superintend other police officers, police matrons, watchmen, or
7 constables appointed under the provisions of this chapter, and said police officers, police matrons,
8 watchmen, or constables shall be accountable and responsible to said chief of police or
9 superintendent. ***The designation as chief of police by the selectmen may be in the form of a***
10 ***contract specifying that the authority of the designee ceases on the date stated in the***
11 ***contract, regardless of whether a successor has been designated.*** Nothing herein shall be
12 construed to preclude or prevent a town from electing constables or police officers at an annual town
13 meeting pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:47.

14 59:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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16 Approved: June 2, 2015

17 Effective Date: August 1, 2015