



HOUSE BILL 9: Bessemer City Charter Amendment.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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| Committee: | Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate | Date: | June 5, 2019 |
| Introduced by: | Rep. Hastings | Prepared by: | Jessica Sammons |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 9 would amend the Charter of the City of Bessemer City to authorize the city manager to appoint the police chief. The bill would become effective when it becomes law.*

CURRENT LAW: Under the current Charter of the City of Bessemer City, the City Council appoints the police chief, and the city manager has no authority to hire or fire the police chief.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 9 would amend the Charter of the City of Bessemer City to remove the City Council's appointment authority over the police chief and give the city manager the authority to appoint, fix the compensation for, and prescribe the duties of the police chief. The police chief would serve at the pleasure of the city manager.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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