

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND BAGLEY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A) and 2583(A), relative to certain elected officials; to
3 provide relative to the office of justice of the peace; to provide relative to the office
4 of constable; to provide relative to qualifications; to provide for the elimination of
5 the mandatory age limit of justices of the peace and constables; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A) and 2583(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons
11 ineligible

12 A.~~(1)~~ Each justice of the peace shall be of good moral character, a qualified
13 elector, a resident of the ward and district from which elected, and able to read and
14 write the English language correctly. Each person qualifying for the office of justice
15 of the peace shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by
16 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date of qualification
17 to run for office in the year 2008. Each shall possess such other qualifications as are
18 provided by law.

19 ~~(2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of justice~~
20 ~~of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of~~
21 ~~qualification to run for office. A justice of the peace who attains seventy years of~~
22 ~~age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.~~

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____