DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to appoint veterans to serve as state park wardens.

Present law authorizes municipalities to exercise unlimited police power for the preservation of peace and order in parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, and other amusement locations operated by the municipality.

Present law allows police officers of the municipality to make arrests for violation of ordinances within or without the corporate limits of the municipality.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the municipality or local governing authority to appoint veterans to serve as police officers.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to appoint competent men to serve as police officers in local parks.

Present law authorizes state park wardens to enforce all rules and regulations of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, office of state parks, and all laws of the state of La. within their jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to appoint veterans to serve as state park wardens.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Natl. Guard, Air Natl. Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Admin., or Natl. Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin., or its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

(Amends R.S. 33:4558 and R.S. 56:1688(A))