

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Provides with respect to deputy constables in St. Tammany Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2583.8, relative to constables in St. Tammany Parish; to authorize a
3 constable of a justice of the peace in St. Tammany Parish to appoint a deputy; to
4 require certain training; to provide for the filing of certain oaths of office; to provide
5 for compensation; to provide for qualifications of office; to provide for residency
6 requirements; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2583.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2583.8. Deputies; oath; compensation; St. Tammany Parish

10 A. Each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in St.
11 Tammany Parish may appoint one deputy constable, if necessary, for whose acts the
12 constable shall be responsible. Before entering upon his duties, the deputy shall take
13 the oath required by the Constitution of Louisiana and the laws of this state and meet
14 the requirements of R.S. 40:2402 through 2406. A duplicate copy of the oath of
15 office shall be filed with the office of the attorney general within seventy-two hours
16 after being administered. Any deputy constable appointed pursuant to this Section
17 is not entitled to any compensation from any local governing body or political
18 subdivision, other than the constable's office, nor any compensation from the state.
19 Each constable may fix the compensation of his deputy. He may pay from the fees
20 generated by his office any compensation due to the deputy, the premiums on bonds

1 required by him of a deputy in charge of public funds, insurance premiums, and any
2 expenses necessary for the performance of duties required of the deputy. He may
3 issue monthly or twice per month, at his discretion, to the deputy warrants or checks
4 for the amounts due to him.

5 B. Each deputy constable authorized by this Section shall have the same
6 qualifications and training as required by law for a constable of a justice of the peace
7 court. However, a deputy constable need not be a resident of the ward from which
8 the constable is elected, but he shall be a resident of St. Tammany Parish.

9 C. The provisions of this Section have no effect on nor limit the authority of
10 a justice of the peace to appoint a special deputy constable pursuant to R.S. 13:3477.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an elected constable of the justice of the peace in St. Tammany Parish to appoint a deputy constable.

Proposed law authorizes each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in St. Tammany Parish to appoint and to fix the compensation of one deputy constable, for whose acts the constable shall be responsible.

Proposed law requires a copy of the oath of office to be filed with the office of the attorney general within 72 hours after the oath is administered.

Proposed law requires each deputy constable to have the same qualifications and training as required by law for a constable of a justice of the peace court and be a resident of St. Tammany Parish.

Proposed law prohibits such deputy constable from being paid any compensation from any local governing body or political subdivision, other than the constable's office, and provides that such deputy constable is not entitled to any compensation from the state.

(Adds R.S. 13:2583.8)