

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

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
21 required by him of a deputy in charge of public funds, insurance premiums, and any
22 expenses necessary for the performance of duties required of the deputy. He may

1 issue monthly or twice per month, at his discretion, to the deputy warrants or checks
2 for the amounts due to him.

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____