

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 232

BY SENATOR MILLS

COURTS. Authorizes the appointment of deputy constables for St. Martin Parish. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT  
2 To enact R.S. 13:2583.6, relative to the appointment of a deputy constable in St. Martin  
3 Parish; to authorize a constable of a justice of the peace court in St. Martin Parish to  
4 appoint a deputy; to provide for compensation; to provide for qualifications of office;  
5 to provide for residency requirements; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for  
6 related matters.  
7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2583.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:  
9 **§2583.6. Deputies; oath; compensation; St. Martin Parish**  
10 **A. Each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in St.**  
11 **Martin Parish may appoint one or more deputy constables, if necessary, for**  
12 **whose acts the constable shall be responsible. Before entering upon his duties,**  
13 **each deputy shall take the oath required by the constitution and the laws of this**  
14 **state. Any deputy constable appointed pursuant to this Section shall not be**  
15 **entitled to any compensation from any local governing body or political**  
16 **subdivision, other than the constable's office, and shall not be entitled to any**  
17 **compensation from the state. Each constable may fix the compensation of his**

1           deputy or deputies. He may pay from the fees generated by his office any  
 2           compensation due the deputy, the premiums on bonds required by him of a  
 3           deputy in charge of public funds, insurance premiums, and any expenses  
 4           necessary for the performance of duties required of the deputy. He may issue  
 5           monthly or twice per month, at his discretion, to the deputy warrants or checks  
 6           due to a deputy.

7           B. Each deputy constable authorized by this Section shall have the same  
 8           qualifications as required by law for a constable of a justice of the peace court.  
 9           A deputy constable need not be a resident of the ward from which the constable  
 10          is elected, but he must be a resident of St. Martin Parish.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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#### DIGEST

Mills (SB 232)

Proposed law authorizes each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in St. Martin Parish to appoint one or more deputy constables, for whose acts the constable shall be responsible.

Proposed law authorizes each constable to fix the compensation of his deputy or deputies and to pay from the fees generated by his office any compensation due the deputy, the premiums on bonds required by him of a deputy in charge of public funds, insurance premiums, and any expenses necessary for the performance of duties required of the deputy.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 13:2583.6)