HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 709 by Representative Garofalo

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides relative to the duties and authority of justices of the peace

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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that a justice of the peace may perform a marriage ceremony in any parish which has no justice of the peace court, except in the parish of Orleans.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes a justice of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies within the parish where the court of that justice of the peace is situated, and in any parish within the same supreme court district, which has no justice of the peace court.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a justice of the peace may perform a marriage ceremony in any parish which has no justice of the peace court, except for Orleans Parish.

Present law authorizes a justice of the peace to appoint a person residing within the territorial boundaries of the court to serve as a justice of the peace ad hoc for a maximum of 30 days in each year.

Proposed law requires the justice of the peace to notify the office of the attorney general within 72 hours of the appointment and to provide the name, address, and telephone number of the ad hoc justice of the peace.

Present law provides that the justice of the peace ad hoc shall meet the qualifications required by law for the office of justice of the peace and be paid the same compensation from the same sources and have the powers and duties of a regular justice of the peace.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 9:203(A)(5) and R.S. 13:2592(A))