

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 519

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

COURTS: Provides relative to marshals and constables

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1881(B), 1883(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C), and
3 1889(A) and (B), relative to certain marshals and constables of city courts; to provide
4 relative to elections and designations of marshals and constables; to provide for the
5 compensation of certain marshals and constables; to provide for the designation of
6 the marshal of the city of Sulphur; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:1881(B), 1883(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C), and
9 1889(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1881. General powers and duties of marshal; deputy marshals

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12 B. The marshal may appoint one or more deputy marshals having the same
13 powers and authority as the marshal, but the marshal shall be responsible for their
14 actions. The compensation of the deputy marshals shall be fixed and paid by the
15 governing authorities of the ~~city or parish, or both~~ city or cities or parish, or all
16 governing authorities, where the court ~~is located~~ has territorial jurisdiction. The city
17 marshal may use funds available for expenses of his office, including proceeds from
18 costs assessed in criminal matters pursuant to R.S. 13:1899, to pay an amount in
19 excess of the fixed salary or to pay the amount fixed or any portion thereof to deputy
20 marshals or to employ additional deputies. However, nothing herein shall authorize

1 the city marshal to fix or supplement his own salary. In no event shall the salary of
2 any deputy exceed that of his city marshal.

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4 §1883. Compensation of marshal

5 A. The marshals of the city courts enumerated in this Subsection shall
6 receive as compensation for their services the following minimum salaries, payable
7 monthly on their own warrant and which, except as otherwise indicated, shall be paid
8 in equal proportions by the respective governing authorities of the ~~city and parish~~
9 city or cities or parish, or all governing authorities, where the court ~~is located~~ has
10 territorial jurisdiction:

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12 B. The marshals of the following city courts shall receive an annual salary,
13 payable monthly on their own warrants, which shall be fixed and paid by the
14 respective governing authorities of the ~~city and parish~~ city or cities or parish, or all
15 governing authorities, where the court ~~is located or either of them~~ has territorial
16 jurisdiction, in the proportions they may determine: Bastrop, Bogalusa, Bunkie,
17 Crowley. The annual salary paid by the city of Bunkie shall not be less than \$600.

18 C. Except as provided in R.S. 13:2071, in all other cases the marshal's salary
19 shall be paid by the governing body of the ~~city and parish~~ city or cities or parish, or
20 all governing authorities, where the court ~~is located~~ has territorial jurisdiction, in
21 such amounts as they may determine, except that where the population of the
22 territorial jurisdiction of the court is more than 10,000 inhabitants, the marshal shall
23 receive a minimum annual salary of \$3,600 payable monthly in equal proportions by
24 the governing authorities of the city and parish on the warrant of the marshal.

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26 §1889. Court room and offices

27 A. The city where the court is situated shall furnish a suitable ~~city~~ court room
28 and suitable offices for the judge, clerk, and marshal. It shall also furnish adequate
29 fireproof vaults or other filing equipment for the preservation of the records of the
30 court.

2. Remove the requirement that the marshal and court comply with applicable budgetary requirements in order to have certain expenses or obligations borne by the city or cities or parish, or all governing authorities.