

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEOPOLD, BILLIOT, CONNICK, STOKES, TALBOT, AND
WILLMOTT AND SENATORS APPEL AND MARTINY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:428(E) and to enact R.S. 18:428(F), relative to the presence
3 of law enforcement officers at polling places; to provide exceptions; to provide
4 restrictions and requirements; to provide definitions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:428(E) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:428(F) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §428. Law enforcement assistance to commissioners

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11 E. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, law
12 enforcement officers may be stationed at polling places if in the regular course and
13 scope of their duties such law enforcement officers provide security for the public
14 building in which the polling place is located and for the personnel working in such
15 building. Law enforcement officers stationed at a polling place pursuant to the
16 provisions of this Subsection shall not interfere with the conduct of the election, the
17 voters, or the election officials.

18 F. Law enforcement officers. For purposes of this Code, the term "law
19 enforcement officer" shall mean any employee of the state, a municipality, a sheriff,
20 or other public agency, whose permanent duties actually include the making of
21 arrests, the performing of searches and seizures, or the execution of criminal

1 warrants, and who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or for the
2 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____