

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 709

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:203(A)(5) and R.S. 13:2592(A), relative to justices of the  
3 peace; to authorize a justice of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies within  
4 certain territorial limits; to provide for certain notification requirements when  
5 appointing an ad hoc justice of the peace; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:203(A)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §203. Officiant; judges and justices of the peace

9 A. Judges and justices of the peace may perform marriage ceremonies within  
10 the following territorial limits:

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12 (5) A justice of the peace within the parish in which the court of that justice  
13 of the peace is situated, and in any parish within the same supreme court district, or  
14 in a parish, which has no justice of the peace court.

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16 Section 2. R.S. 13:2592(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 §2592. Justice of the peace ad hoc; appointment; qualifications

18 A. A justice of the peace may appoint a person residing within the territorial  
19 boundaries of the court as a justice of the peace ad hoc to serve for a maximum of  
20 thirty days in each year. The justice of the peace must notify the office of the

