

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 583

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

COURTS. Relative to the term of office and qualifications for certain officers in justice of the peace courts. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2), relative to officers of justice of
3 the peace courts; to remove certain exceptions from age requirements to serve or run
4 for such offices; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons
9 ineligible

10 A.(1) * * *

11 (2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of justice
12 of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of
13 qualification to run for office. A justice of the peace who attains seventy years of age
14 while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

15 (b) ~~The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to~~
16 ~~those justices of the peace who are serving as a justice of the peace or elected to the~~
17 ~~office of justice of the peace on or before August 15, 2006.~~

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2 §2583. Constables; election; term of office; qualifications

3 A.(1) * * *

4 (2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of constable,
5 a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of qualification
6 to run for office. A constable who attains seventy years of age while serving a term
7 of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

8 ~~(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to~~
9 ~~those constables who are serving as a constable or elected to the office of constable~~
10 ~~on or before August 15, 2006.~~

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

DIGEST

Guillory (SB 583)

Present law provides that beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of constable or justice of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of 70 years by the date of qualification to run for office.

Present law authorizes a constable or justice of the peace who attains 70 years of age while serving a term of office to be allowed to complete that term of office.

Present law provides that persons who are serving or already elected to service as constable or justice of the peace on Aug. 15, 2006, are exempt from all age requirements to serve or run for their offices in the future.

Proposed law removes the exemption for persons who are serving or already elected to service as constable or justice of the peace on Aug. 15, 2006.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2))