

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

DIGEST

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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

- 1. Made technical amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

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