

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Authorizes district attorney investigators to have arrest powers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:13.1, relative to district attorneys' investigators; to provide
3 with respect to certain arrest powers; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 16:13.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §13.1. District attorney's investigator; ~~definition~~ jurisdiction and duties

7 The investigators of the district attorneys' offices shall be peace officers with
8 all privileges, immunities, and defenses accorded to peace officers, ~~except that they~~
9 ~~shall not have the right to make arrests, except as citizens under Louisiana Code of~~
10 ~~Criminal Procedure Article 214.~~ They shall have the same territorial jurisdiction as
11 the district attorney for whom they work. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
12 law to the contrary, investigators of a district attorney's office shall not receive state
13 supplemental pay.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes district attorneys' investigators to have arrest powers.

Present law provides that investigators of district attorneys' offices are peace officers with all privileges, immunities, and defenses of peace officers with the exception of arrest powers

other than those arrest powers afforded to private citizens. Present law further prohibits investigators of a district attorney's office from receiving state supplemental pay.

Proposed law retains present law except that it authorizes the investigators to have the same arrest powers as peace officers.

(Amends R.S. 16:13.1)