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DIGEST

Thompson (SB 104)

Present law authorizes any levee district or levee and drainage district, at the discretion of its boards of commissioners, to employ one or more persons as levee district or levee and drainage district police officers who are responsible for maintaining order and exercising general police power on and off the levees, within the area of the levee district or levee and drainage district, and upon its surrounding waters. Present law further provides that each person designated as a police officer by the president of the levee district or levee and drainage district shall be commissioned as a "peace officer" by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law provides that levee district and levee and drainage district police are commissioned as "special officers" by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1379.1.

Present law provides that no person except a commissioner may be commissioned as a levee district or levee and drainage district police officer prior to meeting the minimum requirement of completing and graduating from the six-week program of basic law enforcement training at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College or possession of equivalent training and experience.

Proposed law provides that no person may be commissioned as a levee district or levee and drainage district police officer unless he is P.O.S.T. certified.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 38:326(A) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Removes proposed law changes to the jurisdiction of levee district police officers.
2. Deletes present law provision allowing a levee police officer to be commissioned if he possesses training and experience equivalent to P.O.S.T.