

SENATE BILL NO. 104

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:326(A) and (C), relative to police officers of a levee district
3 and a levee and drainage district; to provide relative to the special officer
4 commission; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 38:326(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §326. Authority of levee district and levee and drainage district police officers;
9 annual expenditure

10 A. **(1)(a)** Any levee district or levee and drainage district may, at the
11 discretion of its boards of commissioners, employ one or more persons as levee
12 district or levee and drainage district police officers. Those persons who are
13 designated levee district or levee and drainage district police officers in accordance
14 with this Section are responsible for maintaining order and exercising general police
15 power on and off the levees, within the area of the levee district or levee and
16 drainage district, and upon its surrounding waters.

17 **(b)** Each such person named as a police officer by the president of the levee
18 district or levee and drainage district shall be commissioned as a peace officer by the
19 Department of Public Safety and Corrections **in accordance with the provisions of**
20 **R.S. 40:1379.1**. Such commission shall remain in force and effect at the pleasure of
21 the president of the levee district or levee and drainage district and the Department
22 of Public Safety and Corrections subject to applicable civil service regulations.

23 **(2)** These police officers shall have the right to exercise the power of arrest
24 as peace officers, according to law, within the area of their jurisdiction as provided
25 herein.

26 **(3)** Each such police officer shall execute a bond in the amount of ten
27 thousand dollars in the favor of the state of Louisiana for the faithful performance

1 of his duties. The premium on the bond shall be paid by the levee district or levee
2 and drainage district. Additionally, each board shall obtain police liability insurance
3 in an amount appropriate to each individual district.

4 (4) The provisions of this Section shall not entitle any such police officer to
5 state supplemental pay.

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7 C. No person ~~except a commissioner~~ may be commissioned as a levee district
8 or levee and drainage district police officer unless prior to such commissioning the
9 person has, as a minimum requirement, completed ~~and graduated from the six-week~~
10 ~~program of basic law enforcement training at Louisiana State University and~~
11 ~~Agricultural and Mechanical College~~ **a training program and received**
12 **certification as a peace officer by the Louisiana Council on Peace Officer**
13 **Standards and Training (POST Council).** ~~or possesses equivalent training and~~
14 ~~experience.~~

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____