

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATOR MURRAY

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for peace officers employed by the Housing Authority of New Orleans. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:456.1, relative to the Housing Authority of New Orleans; to provide for the  
3 appointment, compensation, duties, and powers of its peace officers; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:456.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§456.1. The Housing Authority of New Orleans; peace officers; appointment,**  
9 **compensation, duties, and powers**

10 **A. The Housing Authority of New Orleans, referred to hereafter as**  
11 **HANO, may appoint and commission peace officers who shall enforce laws,**  
12 **rules, and regulations to secure the protection of persons, properties, or**  
13 **interests relating to HANO.**

14 **B. HANO's peace officers may carry weapons, concealed or exposed**  
15 **while in the performance of their duties, and shall take such action as is**  
16 **authorized by law, rule, or regulation to protect persons, properties, or interests**  
17 **relating to HANO. Such peace officers shall exercise regular police powers of**

1 the state granted to law enforcement officers, including but not limited to,  
 2 enforcement of municipal laws, issuance of municipal summons and citations  
 3 and with respect to criminal and other offenses affecting the protection of  
 4 persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO or affecting the performance  
 5 of their duties.

6 C. HANO's peace officers shall be P.O.S.T. certified in accordance to the  
 7 Peace Officers Standard and Training Law. Certified peace officers shall be  
 8 eligible to receive supplemental pay after successfully completing a council-  
 9 approved training program and passing the council-approved examination.

10 D. HANO's peace officers shall prevent and detect crime, apprehend  
 11 criminals, enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, keep the peace and  
 12 good order in the state by the enforcement of the state's police powers, and  
 13 perform any other related duties imposed upon them by the legislature.

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 18 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law provides that the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) may appoint and commission peace officers to enforce laws, rules, and regulations to protect persons, properties or interests relating to HANO.

Proposed law provides HANO's peace officers with the following powers:

- a. May carry weapons, concealed or exposed while in the performance of their duties.
- b. Shall take such action as is authorized by law, rule, or regulation to protect persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO.
- c. Shall exercise regular police powers of the state granted to law enforcement officers, including but not limited to, enforcement of municipal laws, issuance of municipal summons and citations and with respect to criminal and other offenses.

Proposed law requires HANO's peace officers to be P.O.S.T. certified. Provides that certified peace officers shall be eligible to receive supplemental pay after successfully completing a council-approved training program and passing the council-approved examination.

Proposed law provides that the duties of HANO's peace officers are to:

- a. Prevent and detect crime.
- b. Apprehend criminals and enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state.
- c. Keep the peace and good order in the state by the enforcement of the state's police powers.
- d. Perform any other related duties imposed upon them by the legislature.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:456.1)