

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATORS MURRAY, PETERSON AND WILLARD-LEWIS

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, duties, and powers of its peace officers; and to provide for related  
4 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 **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**  
18 **the state granted to law enforcement officers, including but not limited to,**  
19 **enforcement of municipal laws, issuance of municipal summons and citations**  
20 **and with respect to criminal and other offenses affecting the protection of**  
21 **persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO or affecting the performance**  
22 **of their duties.**

23 **C. HANO's peace officers shall be P.O.S.T. certified in accordance to the**  
24 **Peace Officers Standard and Training Law.**

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

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

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 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_