

SENATE BILL NO. 675

BY SENATOR RISER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2583.6, relative to constables; to authorize a constable of a justice of the
3 peace court in Caldwell Parish to appoint a deputy; to require certain training; to
4 provide relative to the filing of certain oaths of office; to provide for compensation;
5 to provide for qualifications of office; to provide for residency requirements; to
6 provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2583.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§2583.6. Deputies; oath; compensation; Caldwell Parish**

10 **A. Each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in Caldwell**
11 **Parish may appoint one deputy constable, if necessary, for whose acts the**
12 **constable shall be responsible. Before entering upon his duties, the deputy shall**
13 **take the oath required by the constitution and the laws of this state and meet the**
14 **requirements of R.S. 40:2402 through 2406. A duplicate copy of the oath of**
15 **office shall be filed with the office of the attorney general within seventy-two**
16 **hours after being administered. Any deputy constable appointed pursuant to**
17 **this Section shall not be entitled to any compensation from any local governing**
18 **body or political subdivision, other than the constable's office, and shall not be**
19 **entitled to any compensation from the state. Each constable may fix the**
20 **compensation of his deputy. He may pay from the fees generated by his office**
21 **any compensation due the deputy, the premiums on bonds required by him of**
22 **a deputy in charge of public funds, insurance premiums, and any expenses**
23 **necessary for the performance of duties required of the deputy. He may issue**
24 **monthly or twice per month, at his discretion, to the deputy warrants or checks**
25 **for the amounts due him.**

1 **B. Each deputy constable authorized by this Section shall have the same**
2 **qualifications and training as required by law for a constable of a justice of the**
3 **peace court. However, a deputy constable need not be a resident of the ward**
4 **from which the constable is elected, but he must be a resident of Caldwell**
5 **Parish.**

6 **C. The provisions of this Section shall have no effect on nor limit the**
7 **authority of a justice of the peace to appoint a special deputy constable pursuant**
8 **to R.S. 13:3477.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____