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HOUSE BILL NO. 173

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BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides relative to the appointment of a justice of the peace ad hoc

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2592(A), relative to justices of the peace; to provide relative 3 to appointing a justice of the peace ad hoc; to provide for compensation of a justice 4 of the peace ad hoc; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2592(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §2592. Justice of the peace ad hoc; appointment; qualifications 8 A. A justice of the peace may appoint a person residing within the territorial 9 boundaries of the court who meets the qualifications required by law for the office 10 of justice of the peace or a justice of the peace currently elected within the same 11 parish as a justice of the peace ad hoc to serve for a maximum of thirty days in each 12 year. The justice of the peace must notify the office of the attorney general within 13 seventy-two hours of the appointment and provide the name, address, and telephone 14 number of the ad hoc justice of the peace. The justice of the peace ad hoc shall meet 15 the qualifications required by law for the office of justice of the peace. He shall may 16 be paid the same compensation from the same sources as is paid to the justice of the 17 peace while he serves, and he shall during that time have the powers and duties of 18 a regular justice of the peace.

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**Abstract:** Provides for the appointment and compensation of a justice of the peace ad hoc.

<u>Present law</u> allows for anyone who meets the legal requirements of a justice of the peace to be appointed as a justice of the peace ad hoc. Additionally, requires a justice of the peace ad hoc to be paid the same compensation as the presiding justice of the peace.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a justice of the peace currently elected from the same parish as the presiding justice of the peace to be appointed as an ad hoc. Authorizes but does not require an ad hoc justice of the peace to be compensated.

(Amends R.S. 13:2592(A))