HLS 24RS-1074 REENGROSSED

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 964 (Substitute for House Bill No. 359 by Representative Deshotel)
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

COURTS: Provides relative to justice of the peace courts and constables in Avoyelles Parish

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 13:2586(C)(7) and (8), relative to justice of the peace courts in Avoyelles
3	Parish and Evangeline Parish; to provide relative to jurisdiction and procedures; to
4	provide for jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations; to provide
5	relative to summons and subpoenas by constables; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 13:2586(C)(7) and (8) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§2586. Jurisdiction and procedure
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12	(7) A justice of the peace court in Avoyelles Parish shall have concurrent
13	jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations anywhere in the parish
14	in which the court is situated, pursuant to local ordinance. In addition, a constable
15	of a justice of the peace court in Avoyelles Parish may issue summons and serve
16	subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction
17	of the justice of the peace court.
18	(8) A justice of the peace court in Evangeline Parish shall have concurrent
19	jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations anywhere in the parish
20	in which the court is situated, pursuant to local ordinance. In addition, a constable

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- of a justice of the peace court in Evangeline Parish may issue summons and serve
 subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction
 of the justice of the peace court.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts in the parishes of Avoyelles and Evangeline.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the justice of the peace courts in Caddo Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over property standards violations in the district. Provides further that a constable of a justice of a peace court in Caddo Parish may issue summons and serve subpoenas for violations that occur in the district.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a constable of a justice of a peace court in St. Tammany Parish may issue summons and serve subpoenas for violations that occur anywhere within St. Tammany Parish for a property standards or nuisance violation. Provides further that the justice of the peace courts in St. Tammany Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over property standards and nuisance violations, with the exclusion of certain wards.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that a justice of the peace court in Avoyelles Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations anywhere in the parish in which the court is situated. Provides further that a constable of a justice of the peace court in Avoyelles Parish may issue summons and serve subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace court.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a justice of the peace court in Evangeline Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations anywhere in the parish in which the court is situated. Provides further that a constable of a justice of the peace court in Evangeline Parish may issue summons and serve subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace court.

(Adds R.S. 13:2586(C)(7) and (8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Add provisions relative to the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts in Evangeline Parish.