

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides jurisdictional exceptions for constables and justices of peace

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2586(C)(9), relative to justice of the peace courts in St. Bernard Parish; to
3 provide relative to jurisdiction and procedures; to provide for jurisdiction over
4 property standards and nuisance violations; to provide relative to summons and
5 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)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2586. Jurisdiction and procedure

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10 C.

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12 (9) A justice of the peace court in St. Bernard 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 St. Bernard 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.

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DIGEST

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HB 44 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts in St. Bernard Parish.

Proposed law provides that a justice of the peace court in St. Bernard 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 St. Bernard 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)(9))