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## DIGEST

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HB 39 Engrossed

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Firment

**Abstract:** Requires peace officers to be U.S. citizens.

Present law provides for qualifications, requirements, and training requirements for all peace officers in the state of La.

Present federal law defines "United States citizen" as any individual who is a citizen of the U.S. by law, birth, or naturalization.

Proposed law requires any person seeking to be a peace officer in the state of La. to be a U.S. citizen as defined in federal law.

Proposed law excludes current peace officers who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. from proposed law if such peace officers become citizens no later than Aug. 1, 2031.

(Adds R.S. 40:2402(5) and 2404.4)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Exclude current peace officers from the requirement to be current U.S. citizens if they are lawful permanent residents of the U.S. who become citizens no later than Aug. 1, 2031.