

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 283 (HB 39)

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Existing law (R.S. 40:2402(3)) defines a "peace officer".

New law requires a peace officer to be a U.S. citizen.

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

New law excludes current peace officers who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. from the requirement of being a U.S. citizen if the peace officer becomes a citizen no later than Aug. 1, 2031.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:2402(3); Adds R.S. 40:2402(5))