

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 282

BY SENATOR BROWN

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for combined police authority for the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee District and the Pontchartrain Levee District. (8/1/14)(2/3-CA6s43(2))

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:326.3, relative to special districts; to provide relative to combined police

3 authority within and by and between the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche

4 Basin Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District; to provide relative to the

5 jurisdiction, personnel, equipment, costs, and administrative responsibilities for such

6 authority; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:326.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §326.3. Combined police authority; jurisdiction; administrative

11 responsibilities; personnel, equipment, and expenses

12 A. In addition to the authority, restrictions, requirements, and other

13 provisions of R.S. 38:326 and 326.1, and notwithstanding any other provisions

14 of law to the contrary, the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee

15 District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District shall coordinate and cooperate

16 jointly with each other to maintain order and to exercise general police power

17 within the areas of such port and districts and upon their surrounding waters.

1                    **B. The executive directors of the port and the districts shall enter into a**  
2                    **cooperative endeavor agreement to authorize the exercise of combined police**  
3                    **protection within the areas of the port and districts, and to provide for the**  
4                    **employment of officers and other personnel, equipment, and administrative**  
5                    **services, necessary and useful to provide for and share the costs and expenses**  
6                    **associated with such police protection.**

7                    **C. Each person employed as a police officer shall, at a minimum, be**  
8                    **commissioned as a peace officer by the Department of Public Safety and**  
9                    **Corrections. Such police officers shall have the right to carry concealed**  
10                  **weapons and to exercise the power of arrest as peace officers, according to law,**  
11                  **within the combined jurisdictions and boundaries of the port and the districts.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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#### DIGEST

Brown (SB 282)

Proposed law requires the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District to coordinate and cooperate jointly with each other to maintain order and to exercise general police power within the areas of such port and districts and upon their surrounding waters.

Proposed law requires the executive directors of the port and the districts to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to exercise combined police protection within the areas of the port and districts. Provides for employment of officers and other personnel, equipment, and administrative services, necessary and useful. Provides for the sharing of costs and expenses associated with providing such police protection.

Proposed law requires any person employed as a police officer to be commissioned as a peace officer by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Authorizes such police officers to carry concealed weapons and to exercise the power of arrest as peace officers, according to law, within the combined jurisdictions and boundaries of the port and the districts.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 38:326.3)