
DIGEST

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HB No. 842

Abstract: Provides for the appointment of adult misdemeanor probation officers and their respective powers, duties, and qualifications.

Proposed law requires that an adult misdemeanor probation officer be appointed and commissioned by any judge within his respective jurisdiction. Proposed law authorizes the judge to designate a chief probation officer or director of probation.

Proposed law provides for any P.O.S.T.-certified adult misdemeanor probation officer to be deemed to be a peace officer with the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of laws and the same immunities and defenses in any suit brought for actions arising out of acts committed during the course of employment, as sheriffs, constables, and police officers within their respective jurisdictions.

Proposed law requires an adult misdemeanor probation officer to maintain his current P.O.S.T.-certification and training as provided for by the La. Commission of Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice.

Proposed law authorizes the appointing judge to limit the adult misdemeanor probation officer's duties to administrative duties.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 899(G))