2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides relative to age qualifications for justices of the peace

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A), relative to justices of the peace; to provide relative
3	to qualifications; to provide for the elimination of the age limit of justices of the
4	peace; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons
8	ineligible
9	A.(1) Each justice of the peace shall be of good moral character, a qualified
10	elector, a resident of the ward and district from which elected, and able to read and
11	write the English language correctly. Each person qualifying for the office of justice
12	of the peace shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by
13	the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date of qualification
14	to run for office beginning in the year 2008. Each shall possess such other
15	qualifications as are provided by law.
16	(2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of justice
17	of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of
18	qualification to run for office. A justice of the peace who attains seventy years of
19	age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.
20	(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to

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- 1 those justices of the peace who are serving as a justice of the peace or elected to the
- 2 office of justice of the peace on or before August 15, 2006.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the age limit for all justices of the peace.

<u>Present law</u> provides that beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of justice of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of qualification to run for office.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that a justice of the peace who attains seventy years of age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

<u>Present law</u> also provides that the <u>present law</u> provision shall not apply to those justices of the peace who are serving as a justice of the peace or elected to the office of justice of the peace on or before Aug. 15, 2006.

<u>Proposed law</u> eliminates the age limit for all justices of the peace.

(Amends R.S. 13:2582(A))