2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

COURTS: Provides relative to the maximum age limitation for constables

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2583(A), relative to constables; to provide relative to
3	qualifications; to provide for the elimination of the maximum age limitation of
4	constables; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 13:2583(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§2583. Constables; election; term of office; qualifications
8	A. (1) There shall be one constable for the court of each justice of the peace
9	in the several parishes of the state, who shall be of good moral character, be able to
10	read and write the English language, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent
11	as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and be
12	an elector and resident of the ward or district from which elected. However, the
13	requirement of a high school diploma or its equivalent does not apply to any
14	constable who was in office as a constable or elected to the office of constable on or
15	before November 19, 1995, in terms of his qualification to remain in office or to seek
16	reelection to a consecutive term. He shall possess such other qualifications as are
17	provided by law.
18	(2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of
19	constable, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of

qualification to run for office. A constable who attains seventy years of age while
serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.
(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to
those constables who are serving as a constable or elected to the office of constable
on or before August 15, 2006.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the maximum age limitation for a person to run for the office of constable.

<u>Present law</u> provides that beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of constable, a person shall not have attained the age of 70 years by the date of qualification to run for office.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that a constable who attains 70 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 constables who are serving as a constable or elected to the office of constable on or before Aug. 15, 2006.

<u>Proposed law</u> eliminates the maximum age limitation for all constables.

(Amends R.S. 13:2583(A))