

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides relative to the term of office for justices of the peace

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A) and (B), relative to justices of the peace; to provide
3 relative to the term of office for justices of the peace; to eliminate the maximum age
4 limitation; to establish a limitation of terms of office; to extend the term of office for
5 justices of the peace; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons
10 ineligible

11 A.~~(1)~~ Each justice of the peace shall be of good moral character, a qualified
12 elector, a resident of the ward and district from which elected, and able to read and
13 write the English language correctly. Each person qualifying for the office of justice
14 of the peace shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by
15 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date of qualification
16 to run for office in the year 2008. Each 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 justice~~
19 ~~of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of~~

Proposed law prohibits a person from serving as justice of the peace for more than two and a half terms in three consecutive terms if the term of office begins on or after Jan. 1, 2021.

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