

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2266.3, relative to criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs; to exempt the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish from certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2266.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2266.3. Criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs of Calcasieu, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes included herein

The criminalistics laboratories presently operated by the sheriff of Calcasieu Parish for Vernon, Allen, Beauregard, Jefferson Davis, Cameron, and Calcasieu parishes, by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, and by the sheriff of St. Tammany Parish are hereby authorized to operate within the terms and provisions of Chapter 13-B of this Title, as may be applicable, and to receive the benefits therein established, as fully as though ~~said~~ **the** laboratories were in fact operated by legislatively created and authorized criminalistics laboratory commissions; however, **except for the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, said those** sheriff's laboratories shall be required to provide criminalistics laboratory services for such nearby surrounding parishes as may elect, upon the terms provided above, to participate in ~~said~~ **the** laboratories, within limitations as are reasonably developed by legislatively created criminalistics laboratory commissions, until such time as ~~said~~ **the** laboratories may become operated by legislatively created criminalistics

1 laboratory commissions. The criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of
2 Calcasieu Parish shall be named and known as the Southwest Louisiana
3 Criminalistics Laboratory.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____