The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Mills (SB 232)

<u>Present law</u> relative to deputy constables in the parishes of Ascension, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Union, requires each such deputy constable to take an oath of office before entering upon their duties.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires a copy of the oath of office to be filed with the office of the attorney general within 72 hours after the oath is administered.

<u>Present law</u> requires such deputy constables to have the same qualifications as is required by law for constables of the justice of the peace courts.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires such deputy constables to have the same training as is required by law for constables of justice of the peace courts.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in St. Martin Parish to appoint and to fix the compensation of one deputy constable, for whose acts the constable shall be responsible.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits such deputy constable from being paid any compensation from any local governing body or political subdivision, other than the constable's office, and provides that such deputy constable shall not be entitled to any compensation from the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each deputy constable to have the same qualifications as required by law for a constable of a justice of the peace court and be a resident of St. Martin Parish.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 13:2583.1(A) and (C), 2583.2(A) and (B), 2583.3(A), 2583.4(A) and (B), and 2583.5(A) and (B); adds R.S. 13:2583.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

- 1. Adds provisions relative to deputy constables in the parishes of Ascension, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Union.
- 2. Limits to one the number of deputy constables that may be appointed for each constable of a justice of the peace court in St. Martin Parish.