Greene   HB No. 1265

Abstract: Authorizes the issuance of special officer's commissions for railroad police officers and provides for suitability requirements and duties.

Proposed law authorizes the superintendent of state police to issue at his discretion a special officer's commission to any person employed by a rail carrier as a rail police officer in accordance with federal law (49 U.S.C. 28101).

Proposed law requires the rail officer to maintain P.O.S.T. certification status.

Proposed law requires the superintendent to determine who can receive a special commission and further authorizes the superintendent to revoke the commission for cause and to furnish proof of being bonded, or any other information necessary to determine suitability.

Proposed law requires that the special officer's commission remain in effect at all times and have the same authority as a certified or commissioned police officer pursuant to the laws of the state for purposes of enforcement in any jurisdiction in which the rail carrier owns property and provides protection to any of the following:

(1)   Employees, passengers, or patrons of the rail carrier.

(2)   Property, equipment, and facilities owned, leased, operated, or maintained by the rail carrier.

(3)   Property moving in interstate or foreign commerce in the possession of the rail carrier.

(4)   Personnel, equipment, and material moving by rail that are vital to national defense.

Proposed law provides for the commission to be valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to promulgate and adopt regulation relative to the issuance of the special officer commission.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.1.2)