

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 350

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AND SENATOR GUILLORY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides relative to qualifications for justices of the peace  
and constables

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2)(b), relative to justice of the peace  
3 courts; to exempt certain justices of the peace and constables from office  
4 qualifications relative to age requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted  
7 to read as follows:

8 §2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons  
9 ineligible

10 A.

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12 (2)(a) Beginning in the year 2008, to qualify to run for the office of justice  
13 of the peace, a person shall not have attained the age of seventy years by the date of  
14 qualification to run for office. A justice of the peace who attains seventy years of  
15 age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

16 (b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to  
17 those justices of the peace who are serving as a justice of the peace or elected to the  
18 office of justice of the peace on or before August 15, 2006.

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1 §2583. Constables; election; term of office; qualifications

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6 (b) ~~The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply in Livingston Parish.~~

7 The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to those  
8 constables who are serving as a constable or elected to the office of constable on or  
9 before August 15, 2006.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts justices of the peace and constables in office or elected to the office before Aug. 15, 2006, from age requirements to qualify for office.

Present law provides that any person who qualifies to run for the office of justice of the peace or constable after 2008 shall not have attained the age of 70 years by the date of qualification, and further provides that any justice of the peace or constable who attains 70 years of age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

Proposed law retains present law, but exempts persons who are serving or already elected to serve as constable or justice of the peace on Aug. 15, 2006, from all age requirements to serve or run for their offices in the future.

(Amends R.S. 13:2582(A)(2) and 2583(A)(2)(b))