

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2582(A), relative to justices of the peace; to provide relative
3 to qualifications; to provide for the elimination of the age limit of justices of the
4 peace; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2582(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2582. Justices of the peace; qualifications; election; term of office; nullity; persons
8 ineligible

9 A.~~(1)~~ Each justice of the peace shall be of good moral character, a qualified
10 elector, a resident of the ward and district from which elected, and able to read and
11 write the English language correctly. Each person qualifying for the office of justice
12 of the peace shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by
13 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date of qualification
14 to run for office beginning in the year 2008. Each shall possess such other
15 qualifications as are provided by law.

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

20 ~~(b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to~~

