

SENATE BILL NO. 91

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2583.5, relative to the appointment of a deputy constable in Calcasieu
3 Parish; to authorize a constable of a justice of the peace court in Calcasieu Parish to
4 appoint a deputy; to provide for compensation; to provide for qualifications of office;
5 to provide for residency requirements; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2583.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§2583.5. Deputies; oath; compensation; Calcasieu Parish**

10 **A. Each duly elected constable of a justice of the peace court in Calcasieu**
11 **Parish may appoint one deputy constable, if necessary, for whose acts the**
12 **constable shall be responsible. Before entering upon his duties, each deputy**
13 **shall take the oath required by the constitution and the laws of this state. Any**
14 **deputy constable appointed pursuant to this Section shall not be entitled to any**
15 **compensation from any local governing body or political subdivision, other than**
16 **the constable's office, and shall not be entitled to any compensation from the**
17 **state. Each constable may fix the compensation of his deputy. He may pay**
18 **from the fees generated by his office any compensation due the deputy, the**
19 **premiums on bonds required by him of a deputy in charge of public funds,**
20 **insurance premiums, and any expenses necessary for the performance of duties**
21 **required of the deputy. He may issue monthly or twice per month, at his**
22 **discretion, to the deputy warrants or checks for the amounts due him.**

23 **B. Each deputy constable authorized by this Section shall have the same**
24 **qualifications as required by law for a constable of a justice of the peace court.**
25 **The deputy constable need not be a resident of the ward from which the**
26 **constable is elected, but he must be a resident of Calcasieu Parish.**

1 **C. The provisions of this Section shall have no effect on nor limit the**
2 **authority of a justice of the peace to appoint a special deputy constable pursuant**
3 **to R.S. 13:3477.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____