2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 359

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

COURTS: Provides relative to justice of the peace courts and constables in Avoyelles

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2586(C)(5) and (6)(b), relative to justice of the peace courts
3	in Avoyelles Parish; to provide relative to jurisdiction and procedures; to provide for
4	jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations; to provide relative to
5	summons and subpoenas by constables; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 13:2586(C)(5) and (6)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8	as follows:
9	§2586. Jurisdiction and procedure
10	* * *
11	(5) A justice of the peace court in Caddo Parish and Avoyelles Parish shall
12	have concurrent jurisdiction over property standards violations within its territorial
13	jurisdiction their respective jurisdictions, pursuant to local ordinance. In addition,
14	a constable of a justice of the peace court in Caddo Parish and Avoyelles Parish may
15	issue summons and serve subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere within
16	the territorial jurisdiction of the <u>respective</u> justice of the peace court.
17	(6)
18	* * *
19	(b) A justice of the peace court in St. Tammany Parish and Avoyelles Parish
20	shall have concurrent jurisdiction over a property standards or nuisance violation

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

- 1 adopted pursuant to local ordinance, except as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this
- 2 Paragraph.

3

* *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 359 Original2024 Regular SessionDeshotel

Abstract: Provides for the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts in Avoyelles Parish.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the justice of the peace courts in Caddo Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over property standards violations in the district.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a constable of a justice of a peace court in Caddo Parish may issue summons and serve subpoenas for violations that occur in the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the constables and justice of the peace courts in Avoyelles Parish.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the justice of the peace courts in St. Tammany Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over property standards and nuisance violations, with the exclusion of certain wards.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that the justice of the peace courts in Avoyelles Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over property standards and nuisance violations.

(Amends R.S. 13:2586(C)(5) and (6)(b))