

**ACT No. 794**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 709

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:203(A)(5) and R.S. 13:2592(A), relative to justices of the  
3 peace; to authorize a justice of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies within  
4 certain territorial limits; to provide for certain notification requirements when  
5 appointing an ad hoc justice of the peace; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:203(A)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §203. Officiant; judges and justices of the peace

9 A. Judges and justices of the peace may perform marriage ceremonies within  
10 the following territorial limits:

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12 (5) A justice of the peace within the parish in which the court of that justice  
13 of the peace is situated, and in any parish within the same supreme court district, or  
14 in a parish which that has no justice of the peace court, except for Orleans Parish.

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16 Section 2. R.S. 13:2592(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 §2592. Justice of the peace ad hoc; appointment; qualifications

18 A. A justice of the peace may appoint a person residing within the territorial  
19 boundaries of the court as a justice of the peace ad hoc to serve for a maximum of  
20 thirty days in each year. The justice of the peace must notify the office of the  
21 attorney general within seventy-two hours of the appointment and provide the name,  
22 address, and telephone number of the ad hoc justice of the peace. The justice of the  
23 peace ad hoc shall meet the qualifications required by law for the office of justice of  
24 the peace. He shall be paid the same compensation from the same sources as is paid

1 to the justice of the peace while he serves, and he shall during that time have the  
2 powers and duties of a regular justice of the peace.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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