

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 423

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. Provides for reserve investigators in the Louisiana Inspector General's Office. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:220.26, relative to state administration; to provide for reserve investigators  
3 in the Louisiana Inspector General's Office; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 49:220.26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **§220.26. Reserve investigators**

7 **A. Any person who has served as an investigator for the office of the**  
8 **state inspector general and who retired or otherwise left the employment of the**  
9 **department in good standing and who has maintained certification and**  
10 **currently is certified by the POST Council, or any other person who has served**  
11 **as a peace officer and who has maintained certification and currently is certified**  
12 **by the POST Council, may be appointed as a reserve investigator for the office**  
13 **of the state inspector general under the provisions of this Subpart.**

14 **B. The inspector general shall be authorized to issue a reserve**  
15 **investigator's appointment as provided herein if the person satisfies the**  
16 **following requirements:**

17 **(1) Qualifies on the Police Officer Standard Training firearms course.**

1                   **(2) Attends any seminars, workshops, or other meetings on issues related**  
2                   **to the operation of the office of inspector general which may be required by the**  
3                   **inspector general.**

4                   **(3) Complies with any other rule or regulation as may be required by**  
5                   **the inspector general.**

6                   **C. Each reserve investigator shall have all the powers of and may**  
7                   **function as a criminal investigator for the office of inspector general, but shall**  
8                   **receive no compensation for his participation in the reserve investigator**  
9                   **program. Expenses incurred by a reserve investigator in the course and scope**  
10                  **of performing his official duties shall be reimbursed.**

11                  **D. The inspector general shall have the power to revoke any reserve**  
12                  **investigator's appointment at any time.**

13                  **E. Reserve investigators' appointments shall only be valid for a period**  
14                  **of one year from the date of issuance; however, they may be renewed annually**  
15                  **at the discretion of the inspector general.**

16                  **F. Upon the recommendation of the inspector general, each reserve**  
17                  **investigator shall be eligible to apply to the superintendent of state police for a**  
18                  **special officer's commission from the Louisiana Division of State Police under**  
19                  **the applicable provisions of R.S. 40:1379.1.**

20                  Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor  
21                  or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law  
22                  without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the  
23                  Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by  
24                  the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that the office of the inspector general is designated as a law enforcement agency and may employ persons whose responsibility is to conduct investigations.

Proposed law provides that the office of the inspector general may employ former investigators and law enforcement persons as reserve investigators if such persons have maintained certification and are currently certified by the POST Council.

Proposed law provides that the inspector general will be authorized to issue a reserve investigator's appointment to persons who have satisfied certain requirements of the office of the inspector general.

Proposed law provides the inspector general the authority to revoke a reserve investigator's appointment at any time.

Proposed law provides that reserve investigators will receive no compensation for his participation in the reserve investigator program but will be reimbursed for their expenses incurred during the course and scope of performing their official duties.

Proposed law provides that reserve investigators appointments will be for one year from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually at the discretion of the inspector general.

Proposed law provides that upon recommendation by the inspector general, each reserve investigator shall be eligible to apply to the superintendent of state police for a special officer's commission from the division of state police.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 49:220.26)