Regular Session, 2012

ACT No. 343

SENATE BILL NO. 642

BY SENATOR BROOME

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $33:2337(A)(1)$ and (2), relative to mutual assistance between law
3	enforcement agencies; to authorize city marshals and city constables to provide
4	police manpower and equipment to a requesting police department or sheriff's office
5	during an emergency or special event; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 33:2337(A)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§2337. Mutual aid; local police departments
10	A.(1) In the event of an emergency or a special event and upon the request
11	of another police department or sheriff's office, by the chief of police, the sheriff, or
12	their designees of that department on duty at the time of the emergency or special
13	event, a political subdivision, city marshal, and city constable may furnish police
14	manpower and equipment if the chief of police, the sheriff, or their designees on
15	duty, of the police department or sheriff's office receiving the request for aid is of the
16	opinion that such police manpower and equipment are available.
17	(2) If the responding agency agrees to provide mutual aid, the personnel of
18	the responding agency shall report to and shall work under the direction and
19	supervision of the senior officer of the requesting agency on duty at the time that the
20	request for aid is made. During the emergency or special event the personnel of the
21	responding agency shall have the same law enforcement authority as the personnel
22	of the requesting agency. Police manpower and equipment may be recalled at the
23	sole discretion of the highest ranking officer on duty of the police department
24	responding agency furnishing police manpower and equipment. During the

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emergency, the responding agency shall be considered the agent of the requesting 1 2 agency. 3 *

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____