

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATORS MURRAY, PETERSON AND WILLARD-LEWIS

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:456.1, relative to the Housing Authority of New Orleans; to provide for the appointment, duties, and powers of its peace officers; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:456.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§456.1. The Housing Authority of New Orleans; peace officers; appointment, duties, and powers

A. The Housing Authority of New Orleans, referred to hereafter as HANO, may appoint and commission peace officers who shall enforce laws, rules, and regulations to secure the protection of persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO.

B. HANO's peace officers may carry weapons, concealed or exposed while in the performance of their duties, and shall take such action as is authorized by law, rule, or regulation to protect persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO. Such peace officers shall exercise regular police powers of the state granted to law enforcement officers, including but not limited to, enforcement of municipal laws, issuance of municipal summons and citations and with respect to criminal and other offenses affecting the protection of persons, properties, or interests relating to HANO or affecting the performance of their duties.

C. HANO's peace officers shall be P.O.S.T. certified in accordance to the Peace Officers Standard and Training Law.

1 **D. HANO's peace officers shall prevent and detect crime, apprehend**
 2 **criminals, enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, keep the peace and**
 3 **good order in the state by the enforcement of the state's police powers, and**
 4 **perform any other related duties imposed upon them by the legislature.**

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

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____