

DA Said Not Subject To La. Bar Discipline

The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association said yesterday constitutionally elected officials—including district attorneys — are not subject to the jurisdiction of the bar association.

George B. Hall of Alexandria said such officials can only be removed by impeachment, instituted by the lower House and tried by the Senate; by removal on address by the Legislature; by suit instituted in the district court of the jurisdiction upon petition of 25 or more registered

voters; or by a recall vote which must be passed upon by the Legislature.

Hall's statement was made in response to statements attributed to William T. Gossett of Detroit, president of the American Bar Association, that the ABA would urge the state unit to consider disciplinary action against District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Hall said what Gossett suggests may be possible in other states, but not in Louisiana.

"It is important that everyone know that it is not a question of the bar association being negligent or derelict in not investigating a situation where action may seem warranted. We simply have no jurisdiction in such instances," Hall said.