

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

NOTARIES. Provides for reciprocal notarial authority of notaries qualified in St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:191(V), relative to notaries public; to provide authorization for a notary  
3 appointed and qualified in St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish to exercise  
4 notarial functions in all such parishes, without bonding or further application or  
5 examination; to provide for qualifications and conditions; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 35:191(V) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §191. Appointment; qualifications; examination

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12 **V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any**  
13 **person who is validly appointed notary public in and for the parish of St.**  
14 **Martin or the parish of St. Landry is hereby authorized and deemed eligible**  
15 **and qualified to exercise any and all of the functions of a notary public in the**  
16 **parishes of St. Martin and St. Landry. No additional bonding or further**  
17 **application or examination shall be required because of the expanded**

1                    **jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection.**


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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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## DIGEST

SB 116 Reengrossed

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Present law (R.S. 35:191) provides that any person may be appointed a notary public in and for the parish in which he resides and in and for any one other parish in which he maintains an office, under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is validly appointed notary public in and for the parish of St. Martin or the parish of St. Landry is hereby authorized and deemed eligible and qualified to exercise any and all of the functions of a notary in the parishes of St. Martin and St. Landry.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 35:191(V))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that no additional bonding or further application or examination is required because of the expanded jurisdictional limits authorized by proposed law.
2. Makes technical changes.