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## DIGEST

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St. Germain

HB No. 197

**Abstract:** Authorizes a fire chief of a municipal or parish fire department or fire protection district to designate employees in his office and appoint them as ex officio notaries public, and provides for the authority and limitations of authority of such ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law authorizes a fire chief of a municipal or parish fire department or fire protection district to designate employees in his office and appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law provides that each employee so appointed as ex officio notary public may exercise, within his respective jurisdictional limits, the functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and execute affidavits, acknowledgments, and other documents, all limited to matters within the official functions of that office.

Proposed law provides that all acts performed by each such ex officio notary public shall be performed without charge or other compensation and without the necessity of giving bond.

Proposed law provides that the fire chief may suspend or terminate an appointment made in his office at any time, and separation from the employ from that office shall automatically terminate the powers of the ex officio notary public.

(Adds R.S. 35:413)