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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 no more than three 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 no more than three 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 and acknowledgments, 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)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill.

1. Limited the number of employees who may be appointed as ex officio notaries.
2. Deleted the authority of an ex officio notary to execute other documents.