

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 21

BY SENATOR LONG

PARISHES. Provides for ex officio notaries public with certain limited authority for Natchitoches Parish government. (8/1/15)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:414, relative to ex officio notaries public for Natchitoches Parish
3 government; to authorize the president of Natchitoches Parish to designate up to two
4 employees within his office as ex officio notaries public; to provide for duties and
5 functions of the ex officio notaries public; to provide for limitations and termination
6 of the ex officio notaries public; and to provide for related 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. 35:414 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§414. Ex officio notaries public for Natchitoches Parish government**

11 **A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law relative to qualifications**
12 **of notaries public, the parish president of Natchitoches Parish may designate no**
13 **more than two employees in his office and appoint them as ex officio notaries**
14 **public.**

15 **B. Each employee so appointed as ex officio notary public may exercise,**
16 **within his respective jurisdictional limits, the functions of a notary public only**
17 **to administer oaths, receiving sworn statements, and execute affidavits and**

1 acknowledgments, all limited to matters within the official functions of the office
 2 of the parish president.

3 C. All acts performed by each ex officio notary public authorized by this
 4 Section shall be performed without charge or other compensation and without
 5 the necessity of giving bond.

6 D. The parish president may suspend or terminate an appointment made
 7 in his office pursuant to this Section at any time, and a separation from the
 8 employ of the parish shall automatically terminate the former employee's
 9 appointment as an ex officio notary public.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

SB 21 Engrossed

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Proposed law authorizes the president of Natchitoches Parish to designate up to two employees within his office as ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law provides that each employee so appointed as ex officio notaries public may exercise, within his respective jurisdictional limits, the functions of a notary public only to administer oaths, receiving sworn statements, and execute affidavits and acknowledgments, all limited to matters within the official functions of the president's 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 parish president may suspend or terminate an appointment made in his office at any time, and a separation from the employ of the parish shall automatically terminate an appointment as ex officio notary public.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 35:414)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Removes general authority for ex officio notaries regarding other documents.