

SENATE BILL NO. 21

BY SENATOR LONG

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**  
18 **acknowledgments, all limited to matters within the official functions of the office**  
19 **of the parish president.**

20 **C. All acts performed by each ex officio notary public authorized by this**  
21 **Section shall be performed without charge or other compensation and without**  
22 **the necessity of giving bond.**

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_