

SENATE BILL NO. 381

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:415, relative to ex officio notaries; to provide for the appointment of ex  
3 officio notaries for the Causeway Police Department; to provide for the exercise of  
4 authority; to provide for the authority of the chief of police of the department to  
5 suspend or terminate the appointment; and to provide for related matters.

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 35:415 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§415. Ex officio notaries for the Causeway Police Department**

10 **A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law relative to qualifications**  
11 **for and limitations on the number of notaries public, the chief of police of the**  
12 **Causeway Police Department, which employs peace officers who are certified**  
13 **pursuant to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Law and are duly**  
14 **authorized with the powers of arrest, may designate ten officers in his office as**  
15 **ex officio notaries public.**

16 **B. Each officer appointed as an ex officio notary public may exercise,**  
17 **within the jurisdictional limits of the Causeway Police Department, the**  
18 **functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and to execute affidavits,**  
19 **acknowledgments, and traffic tickets, all limited to matters within the official**  
20 **functions of the department.**

21 **C. Any acts performed by an ex officio notary public appointed pursuant**  
22 **to this Section shall be performed only in the parishes in which the Causeway**  
23 **Police Department has jurisdiction.**

24 **D. All acts performed by an ex officio notary public appointed pursuant**  
25 **to this Section shall be performed without charge or other compensation.**

1                    **E. The chief of police of the Causeway Police Department may suspend**  
 2                    **or terminate an appointment made pursuant to this Section at any time and**  
 3                    **separation from the employ of the department shall automatically terminate the**  
 4                    **former employee's appointment as an ex officio notary public.**

5                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 6                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 7                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 8                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 9                    effective on the day following such approval.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_