

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 521

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

NOTARIES: Provides relative to ex officio notaries for coroners

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:416, relative to ex officio notaries for coroners; to provide for the  
3 qualifications, appointment, and authority of ex officio notaries for coroners; to  
4 provide for bond requirements; to provide for limitations and termination of the  
5 authority of ex officio notaries; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 35:416 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §416. Ex officio notaries for coroners

9 A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law relative to qualifications for  
10 notaries public, each coroner may designate one deputy per shift for each office  
11 location and appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

12 B.(1) The employee so appointed may exercise, in the parish which the  
13 coroner serves, the functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and execute  
14 affidavits, acknowledgments, and other documents, all limited to matters within the  
15 official functions of the office of coroner. For each such action, the notary shall use  
16 the official seal of that respective coroner's office.

17 (2) He shall fulfill the same bond requirements as provided by law for  
18 notaries in the parish which the coroner serves.

19 (3) The coroner shall pay as an expense of his office the costs of the notarial  
20 seal, the notarial bond, and any fees required for filing the bond.

- 1           C. All acts performed by such an ex officio notary public authorized by this
- 2           Section shall be performed without charge or other compensation.
- 3           D. The coroner may suspend or terminate an appointment made pursuant to
- 4           this Section at any time, and separation from the employ of the coroner shall
- 5           automatically terminate the powers of such an ex officio notary public.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes coroners to appoint certain employees within their respective offices as ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law authorizes each coroner to designate one deputy per shift for each office location and appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law provides that each employee so appointed may exercise, in the parish which the coroner serves, certain functions of a notary public limited to matters within the official functions of the office of coroner.

Proposed law provides procedures for the use of the official seal, requires the posting of bond, and prohibits compensation for the notarial services.

Proposed law authorizes the coroner to suspend or terminate an appointment, and provides that separation from employment shall automatically terminate the powers of the ex officio notary public.

(Adds R.S. 35:416)