
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the qualifications for notaries public.

Present law provides for the qualifications to be commissioned as a notary public, which include, in part, that the applicant have a high school diploma or a diploma for completion of a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or the applicant has been issued a high school equivalency diploma after successfully completing the test of General Educational Development.

Proposed law retains present law and replaces the reference to the General Educational Development test with a high school equivalency test approved by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges as a qualification.

Present law provides that the deadline for the application and the application fee shall be no later than 60 days prior to the date of the examination.

Proposed law changes the present law deadline from 60 days to 30 days.

Present law authorizes notaries public in certain parishes who were displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita to practice in the parish of their temporary residence, and further provides that the provisions of present law shall expire on Jan. 1, 2007.

Proposed law repeals the provisions of present law which have already expired.

Present law provides for the provisional appointment and powers of notaries who have passed only certain portions of the notary exam, and provides for additional requirements for appointment.

Present law provides that the provisions of present law shall expire on Aug. 1, 2017.

Proposed law repeals the provisions of present law which have already expired.

(Amends R.S. 35:191(A)(1)(d) and (C)(1)(d); Repeals R.S. 35:191(V) and (W))