

New law authorizes a fire chief of a municipal or parish fire department or fire protection district to designate no more than three employees in his office and appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

New law provides that each employee so appointed as ex officio notary public may exercise, within his respective jurisdictional limits, the functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and execute affidavits and acknowledgments, all limited to matters within the official functions of that office.

New law provides that all acts performed by such ex officio notary public shall be performed without charge or other compensation and without the necessity of giving bond.

New law authorizes the fire chief to suspend or terminate an appointment made in his office at any time, and separation from the employ from that office shall automatically terminate the powers of the ex officio notary public.

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