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## DIGEST

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HB 709 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to appoint up to six employees of the Department of Insurance as ex officio notaries.

Present law provides for the appointment of ex officio notaries public by certain agencies of the state, political subdivisions, and federal government. Proposed law extends that authority to the commissioner of insurance.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner of insurance may appoint not more than six employees of the Dept. of Insurance as ex officio notaries public.

Proposed law provides that these ex officio notaries public may exercise the functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and receive sworn statements and shall be limited to matters within the official functions of the Dept. of Insurance.

Proposed law provides that all acts performed by an ex officio notary public shall be performed without charge or other compensation.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner of insurance may suspend or terminate any ex officio notary appointed pursuant to proposed law, and provides that separation from the employ of the Dept. of Insurance shall terminate the powers of such an ex officio notary public.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R. S. 35:396)