

**ACT No. 323**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:413, relative to ex officio notaries for fire departments and fire protection  
3 districts; to authorize certain persons to appoint ex officio notaries for fire  
4 departments and fire protection districts; to provide for the duties and functions of  
5 the ex officio notary; to provide for limitations and termination of the ex officio  
6 notary; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 35:413 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §413. Ex officio notaries public for municipal or parish fire departments and fire  
10 protection districts

11 A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law relative to qualifications of  
12 notaries public, any fire chief of a municipal or parish fire department or fire  
13 protection district may designate no more than three employees in his office and  
14 appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

15 B. Each employee so appointed as ex officio notary public may exercise,  
16 within his respective jurisdictional limits, the functions of a notary public only to  
17 administer oaths and execute affidavits and acknowledgments, all limited to matters  
18 within the official functions of the office of the municipal or parish fire department  
19 or fire protection district.

20 C. All acts performed by each ex officio notary public of a municipal or  
21 parish fire department or fire protection district authorized by this Section shall be  
22 performed without charge or other compensation and without the necessity of giving  
23 bond.

1                    D. The fire chief of the municipal or parish fire department or fire protection  
 2                    district may suspend or terminate an appointment made in his office pursuant to this  
 3                    Section at any time, and separation from the employ of the municipal or parish fire  
 4                    department or fire protection district shall automatically terminate the powers of the  
 5                    ex officio notary public.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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