

SENATE BILL NO. 381

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:415, relative to ex officio notaries; to provide for the appointment of ex
3 officio notaries for the Causeway Police Department; to provide for the exercise of
4 authority; to provide for the authority of the chief of police of the department to
5 suspend or terminate the appointment; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 35:415 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§415. Ex officio notaries for the Causeway Police Department**

10 **A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law relative to qualifications**
11 **for and limitations on the number of notaries public, the chief of police of the**
12 **Causeway Police Department, which employs peace officers who are certified**
13 **pursuant to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Law and are duly**
14 **authorized with the powers of arrest, may designate ten officers in his office as**
15 **ex officio notaries public.**

16 **B. Each officer appointed as an ex officio notary public may exercise,**
17 **within the jurisdictional limits of the Causeway Police Department, the**
18 **functions of a notary public only to administer oaths and to execute affidavits,**
19 **acknowledgments, and traffic tickets, all limited to matters within the official**
20 **functions of the department.**

21 **C. Any acts performed by an ex officio notary public appointed pursuant**
22 **to this Section shall be performed only in the parishes in which the Causeway**
23 **Police Department has jurisdiction.**

24 **D. All acts performed by an ex officio notary public appointed pursuant**
25 **to this Section shall be performed without charge or other compensation.**

1 **E. The chief of police of the Causeway Police Department may suspend**
 2 **or terminate an appointment made pursuant to this Section at any time and**
 3 **separation from the employ of the department shall automatically terminate the**
 4 **former employee's appointment as an ex officio notary public.**

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____