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ACT No. 793

HOUSE BILL NO. 1213

BY REPRESENTATIVE M. POWELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 35:191(P), relative to notaries public; to provide for statewide jurisdiction for certain notaries; to provide for the qualifications to obtain statewide jurisdiction; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 35:191(P) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§191. Appointment; qualifications and bond; examination; examiners

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P.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each person who is licensed to practice law in this state who is a notary public in and for any parish in this state or who is a validly appointed notary public in and for any parish in this state and who has taken and passed the written examination, as provided in R.S. 35:191.1 on or after June 13, 2005, may exercise the functions of a notary public in every parish in this state. The expanded jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection are additional to other provisions of law. No additional bonding or further application or examination shall be required due to the expanded jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection.

(2) In order to qualify for the expanded jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection, any regularly commissioned notary public in and for any parish in this state who is not licensed to practice law in this state and who has not taken and passed the written examination as provided in R.S. 35:191.1 on or after June 13, 2005, may take the examination provided that he register directly with the secretary of state on a form provided for that purpose and pay the examination fee authorized by law no later than forty-five days before the date of a scheduled examination.

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Failure of such notary to pass the examination shall have no effect on the status of the commission of the notary.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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