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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 35:191(C)(3), relative to notaries public; to provide relative to written examinations and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 35:191(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§191. Appointment; qualifications; examination

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C. Each applicant, otherwise qualified, may be appointed a notary public in and for a parish upon meeting all of the following conditions:

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(3)(a) Taking and passing a written examination, as provided in R.S. 35:191.1, administered by the secretary of state.

(b)(i) The notary examination shall be given **not less than** twice per year on ~~the first Saturday of June and December. Should the scheduled Saturday be a state holiday, then the next non-holiday Saturday shall be the test date~~ **days as determined by the secretary of state.**

(ii) To qualify to be examined, the candidate shall have satisfied all requirements to be commissioned as a notary public in the parish, except for passing the examination.

(iii) The qualified candidate shall be permitted to register for any notary public examinations administered by the secretary of state within one year after the date the secretary of state notifies the candidate of his approval to take the examination. No further application fee shall be required during this period. The required examination fee, however, shall be paid for each examination.

1 (c) The examination provided for in this Paragraph shall be dispensed with
2 if the applicant has been duly admitted to practice law in this state or holds a valid
3 notarial commission in this state.

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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: _____