## **DIGEST**

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HB 521 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes coroners to appoint a deputy coroner or an assistant within their respective offices as ex officio notaries public.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes each coroner to designate one deputy or assistant per shift for each office location and appoint them as ex officio notaries public.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that each deputy or assistant so designated may, in the parish which the coroner serves, administer oaths, take acknowledgments, and attest on affidavits, all within the official capacity of the coroner.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides procedures for the use of the official seal, requires the posting of bond, and prohibits compensation for the notarial services.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the coroner to suspend or terminate an appointment, and provides that separation from employment shall automatically terminate the powers of the ex officio notary public.

(Adds R.S. 35:416)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Authorize the designation of one deputy coroner or assistant as an ex officio notary public.

## The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Specify that deputy coroners and assistants so designated may administer oaths, take acknowledgments, and attest on affidavits, all within the official capacity of the coroner.
- 2. Specify that deputy coroners and assistants so designated shall fulfill the same bond requirements as notaries public.