

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 453

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

NOTARIES: Provides relative to the annual notary public filing fee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 35:191.2(3), relative to notaries public; to provide relative to  
3 fees for filing an annual report; to provide for the provision of civil legal services;  
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 35:191.2(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §191.2. Secretary of state; authority; duties

8 The secretary of state shall:

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10 (3) Collect a fee for receiving and processing the annual report of each  
11 notary, not to exceed ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars per report, with twenty-five dollars of  
12 the fee distributed to and administered by the Louisiana Bar Foundation to be used  
13 for the provision of civil legal services within the state's civil justice system, in  
14 which notaries exercise their authority pursuant to R.S. 35:2 et seq.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the \$25 fee for the filing of notary annual reports to \$50 and requires \$25 of the fee to be distributed to the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Present law requires the secretary of state to collect a fee for receiving and processing the annual report of each notary, not to exceed \$25 per report.

Present law provides that notaries public are authorized to perform all functions of a notary public, including: (1) making inventories, appraisements, and partitions; (2) receiving wills, making protests, matrimonial contracts, conveyances, and generally, all contracts and instruments of writing; (3) holding family meetings and meetings of creditors; (4) receiving acknowledgments of instruments under private signature; (5) making affidavits of correction; and (6) affixing the seals upon the effects of deceased persons.

Proposed law increases the filing fee to \$50, and requires \$25 of the fee to be distributed to and administered by the Louisiana Bar Foundation to be used for the provision of civil legal services within the state's civil justice system, in which notaries exercise their authority pursuant to R.S. 35:2 et seq.

(Amends R.S. 35:191.2(3))