
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 La. 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 La. 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.

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