

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 903

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NOTARIES: Provides for the parish of execution of remote online notarial acts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 35:626(B) and to enact R.S. 35:626(C), relative to notaries; to  
3 provide relative to remote online notarization; to provide relative to execution of  
4 certain notarial acts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 35:626(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 35:626(C) is  
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §626. Location of notary, parties, and witnesses; location of remote online notarial  
9 act

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11 B. A remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in any parish of this  
12 state where ~~any party is physically located at the time of the remote online~~  
13 ~~notarization. If no party was physically located in this state at the time of the remote~~  
14 ~~online notarization, the remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in the~~  
15 ~~parish where~~ the notary public is physically located at the time of the remote online  
16 notarization if the notary public has jurisdiction in that parish.

17 C. An action on a contract that is a remote online notarial act may be brought  
18 in any parish in which a party was physically located at the time of the remote online  
19 notarization.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that a remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in any parish where the notary is physically located.

Present law provides that a remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in any parish of this state where any party is physically located at the time of the remote online notarization.

Present law provides that if no party is physically located in this state at the time of the remote online notarization, the remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in the parish where the notary public is physically located at the time of the remote online notarization.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that a remote online notarial act is deemed to be executed in the parish where the notary public is physically located at the time of the remote online notarization. Proposed law requires the notary public to have jurisdiction in the parish of execution in order for the act to be executed.

Proposed law provides that the venue for contracts that are remote online notarial acts may be in any parish in which a party was physically located at the time of the remote online notarization.

(Amends R.S. 35:626(B); Adds R.S. 35:626(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical amendments.
2. Provide for venue for contracts that are remote online notarial acts.