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**D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, any act, transaction, or instrument not excluded under Subsection B of this Section and which may otherwise be acknowledged before a notary public and two witnesses pursuant to Civil Code Art. 1836, may be acknowledged by means of a simultaneous audiovisual transmission without compliance with R.S. 35:625 through 627 if all of the following apply:**

**(a) The party making the acknowledgment is personally known to the notary public or to at least one of the two witnesses before whom the act is acknowledged.**

**(b) The notary public is physically located in a parish in which he is authorized to exercise notarial functions at the time of the acknowledgment and is in possession of the original instrument bearing the signature of the party making the acknowledgment.**

**(2) An acknowledgment made pursuant to this Subsection shall be valid only if all of the following apply:**

**(a) The act, transaction, or instrument is not required by law to be executed as an authentic act.**

**(b) The party making the acknowledgment declares to the notary public and two witnesses, while all are participating in a simultaneous audiovisual transmission, that the signature on the instrument is his signature and that he executed the instrument as his own free act and deed.**

**(c) The notary public states in the acknowledgment that the party was either personally known to the notary public or if identified by at least one of the witnesses thereto who personally knew the party, the name of the witness.**

**(d) The acknowledgment states that it was made pursuant to a declaration made by a party to the original instrument in simultaneous audiovisual transmission in the presence of the notary public and two witnesses.**

~~D.E.~~ This Chapter supplements and does not repeal, supersede, or limit the provisions of the Louisiana Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, R.S. 9:2601 et seq.

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Present law provides that a remote online notarial act that meets the requirements of present law satisfies any requirement that a party appear before a notary public at the time of the execution of the instrument.

Proposed law establishes a procedure for the remote acknowledgment of documents that have already been signed and are not required by law to be executed as authentic acts and are not acts, transactions, or instruments that are excluded in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 35:623(D); adds R.S. 35:623(E))