

Existing law requires that notarial acts include the Christian names of the parties in full and prohibits the use of their initial letters alone.

New law retains existing law but requires that notaries include the Christian name and surname of the parties in full and further authorizes the use of any full name of the parties and not their initial letters alone.

New law provides that a full name or name in full may be any combination of first name and middle initial or initials, if any, and the surname; or the first initial and at least one middle name and the surname; or the complete first and middle name or names and the surname.

Existing law requires the names of the notary public and the witnesses to be typed under their respective signatures.

Existing law requires that all documents notarized after 1/1/05 contain the typed or printed name of the notary and the witnesses in order to be accepted by the office of notarial records, register of conveyances, or recorder of mortgages in Orleans Parish, every clerk of court, and every state office, agency, department, or political subdivision.

New law retains existing law and further authorizes that such names may be stamped onto the document.

Adds provisions to existing law that an acknowledgment, in cases of corporations or joint stock associations, may be in conformity with acts under private signature duly acknowledged before a notary and two witnesses (C.C. Art. 1836) or as instruments attested by witnesses and accompanied by an affidavit (R.S. 13:3720).

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(Amends R.S. 35:12(A), (B), and (D) and 511(3))