
DIGEST

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HB No. 929

Abstract: Provides for qualifications, education, and bonding of notaries, and provides requirements for notary instructors.

Present law provides for the qualifications required to be appointed a notary public which include being a resident citizen or alien of this state, being 18 years of age or older, being able to read, write, and speak the English language, and not be under interdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires that the person has received a high school diploma, has received a diploma for completion of a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or has been issued a high school equivalency diploma after successfully completing the test of General Educational Development.

Proposed law requires that the person not be convicted of a felony in this state or convicted of a crime in any other state or country which crime would be a felony in this state.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to develop a notary education program.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of state to increase the fee from \$10 to \$25 for receiving and processing the annual report of each notary.

Proposed law provides that beginning on Feb. 28, 2015, each person who provides notary examination preparatory education and instruction shall be required to be a commissioned notary public with statewide notarial authority.

Present law provides exceptions to certain bonding requirements for notaries in Orleans Parish, and provides that in Orleans Parish, the bond shall be approved by the custodian of notarial records.

Proposed law removes the exception from bonding requirements and the requirement of approval by the custodian of notarial records for notaries in Orleans Parish.

(Amends R.S. 35:191(A)(1)(d) and (e), 191.2(3), 191.4(B)-(H), and 192(A); Adds R.S. 35:191(A)(1)(f) and (g), 191.1(C), and 191.4(I))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Changed reference from "notary educational professionals" to "academically credentialed education professionals".
2. Deleted outdated reference to a special book kept for the purpose of subscribing surety bonds.