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Existing law provides that the governor is authorized to appoint, upon recommendation by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the supervisors of each troop headquarters, any investigator of the internal affairs unit of the office of state police, and the executive assistant to the general counsel of DPS&C as ex officio notaries public who shall perform the duties provided by existing law without charge or other compensation.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that any ex officio notary public appointed under the provisions of <u>existing law</u> shall possess those notarial powers as provided by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgments.

<u>Existing law</u> also provides that specially designated commissioned Louisiana state police officers assigned to intelligence, detectives, narcotics, or internal affairs, and commissioned agents of the office of alcohol and tobacco control shall have the power to administer oaths and receive sworn statements, in connection with their official duties.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> and adds specially designated commissioned officers of the office of the state fire marshal as persons who have the power to administer oaths and receive sworn statements, in connection with their official duties.

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(Amends R.S. 35:393)