

ACT No. 610

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 35:191(C)(2) and to enact R.S. 35:191(C)(3), relative to notaries
3 public; to provide for the administration of a pre-assessment test; to provide for the
4 qualification to take the pre-assessment test; to provide for exceptions; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 35:191(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 35:191(C)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §191. Appointment; qualifications; examination

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11 C. Each applicant, otherwise qualified, may be appointed a notary public in
12 and for a parish upon meeting all of the following conditions:

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14 (2)(a) Taking a pre-assessment test, with no minimum score required,
15 administered by the secretary of state to assess the probability of the applicant
16 passing the examination as provided in R.S. 35:191.1.

17 (b) To qualify to take the pre-assessment test, the applicant shall have
18 satisfied all requirements to be commissioned as a notary public in the parish, except
19 for passing the examination as provided in R.S. 35:191.1.

20 (c) The pre-assessment test provided by this Paragraph shall be dispensed
21 with if the applicant has been duly admitted to practice law in this state or holds a
22 valid notarial commission in this state.

23 (3)(a) Taking and passing a written examination, as provided in R.S.
24 35:191.1, administered by the secretary of state.

1 (b)(i) The notary examination shall be given twice per year on the first
2 Saturday of June and December. Should the scheduled Saturday be a state holiday,
3 then the next non-holiday Saturday shall be the test date.

4 (ii) To qualify to be examined, the candidate shall have satisfied all
5 requirements to be commissioned as a notary public in the parish, except for passing
6 the examination.

7 (iii) The qualified candidate shall be permitted to register for any notary
8 public examinations administered by the secretary of state within one year after the
9 date the secretary of state notifies the candidate of his approval to take the
10 examination. No further application fee shall be required during this period. The
11 required examination fee, however, shall be paid for each examination.

12 (c) The examination provided for in this Paragraph shall be dispensed with
13 if the applicant has been duly admitted to practice law in this state or holds a valid
14 notarial commission in this state.

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____