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Enclosed you will find a survey related to your position as notary. The survey includes relevant topics such as notary education, continuing education and upcoming legislation that may affect Louisiana notaries. The data collected by this survey will be used by our office to better serve you, and future notaries as well. Your concerns and/or suggestions with regards to the topics in this survey are welcome.

We know that your time is valuable, and we thank you in advance for completing this survey. Instructions on how to submit your survey are included at the top of the document. As always, should you need assistance from my office, please feel free to contact us at 225.922.2880 or notaries@sos.la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Kyle Ardoin".

Kyle Ardoin
Secretary of State

Enclosure

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Louisiana Notary Public Survey

Please answer these questions and return by fax at 225.932.5359, email at notaries@sos.la.gov or mail to P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125. Use extra sheets to answer questions if necessary.

1. When were you first commissioned? _____
2. If you qualified under the old parish exam system, in what parish did you take your examination?

3. What was your primary reason for becoming a notary? (Check one)
 Personal advancement Employer request Employment requirement
4. Check the highest level of education you had attained when you took your examination:
 High school diploma Some college Associate degree Bachelor's degree
 Graduate school Graduate degree
5. Have you taken the statewide exam? Yes No
6. How many times did you sit for your exam(s) before you passed?
 Parish exam State exam
7. How did you prepare for the exam? (Check all that apply)
 Self-study Organized study group Formal exam-prep course
8. If you took a course, did your course adequately prepare you for service as a Louisiana notary?
 Yes No
9. If you took a course, did your course adequately prepare you for your exam? Yes No
10. As you began preparations to become a Louisiana notary, were you aware of the difference in authority of notaries in Louisiana and those of other states e.g., notaries in Louisiana have broad powers including the authority to prepare testaments, acts of sale and donations of immovable property, powers of attorney, partitions, etc. which are powers that are usually reserved to attorneys in all other states? Yes No

11. What improvements in notary education or in exam preparation would you implement if you were able?

12. Should continuing education for notaries be legislatively mandated? ___ Yes ___ No

13. Please comment on the idea of authorizing a second-class notary that would be authorized only to witness signatures and would be prohibited from preparing or completing any document required to be signed before a notary (There would be no exam for these individuals).

14. Are you in favor of remote notarization? ___ Yes ___ No

15. Please comment of the concept of a notary remotely authenticating a document using video technology.
