

HS HB 1193 -- NOTARIES PUBLIC (Self)

This substitute changes the laws regarding notaries public. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Removes the requirement that applicants provide their Social Security number on the application;
- (2) Requires applicants to list misdemeanor violations on the application;
- (3) Requires applicants to complete computer-based or other notary training prior to submitting an application;
- (4) Details the information that notaries must record in their required journals;
- (5) Provides that effective August 28, 2004, the Secretary of State will issue a commission number for all new and renewal notary appointments. The commission number must be included on every notary certificate;
- (6) Requires that a request for an amended commission must be made within 30 days of the change necessitating the amendment;
- (7) Allows notaries to charge a travel fee separate from the notarial fee and a fee of up to \$25 for expedited convenience service;
- (8) Requires notaries to notify the Secretary of State immediately if their notary seal is stolen; and
- (9) Clarifies the powers of the Secretary of State to administer the notary public laws.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.