

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 480

By: Young

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to notaries public; amending 49 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 1, which relates to appointment and  
9 removal; prohibiting disqualification for or removal  
10 from the office of notary public for certain  
conviction; defining term; and providing an effective  
date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 49 O.S. 2011, Section 1, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1. A. The Secretary of State shall appoint and  
16 commission in this state notaries public, who shall hold their  
17 office for four (4) years. An applicant for a notary commission  
18 shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older, a citizen of the  
19 United States, and employed within this state or a legal resident of  
20 this state. A felony conviction shall not be grounds for  
21 disqualifying a person for an appointment or for removal of a person  
22 from the office of notary public unless the conviction was for a  
23 felony crime that substantially relates to the provision of notarial  
24 services. All notary commissions shall run in the name and by the

1 authority of the State of Oklahoma, be signed by the Secretary of  
2 State, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma.  
3 Commissions shall not be attested. Any person filing an application  
4 for a new notary commission shall pay Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
5 to the Secretary of State with the application. Any person filing  
6 an application for a renewal of a notary commission shall pay Twenty  
7 Dollars (\$20.00) to the Secretary of State with the application.  
8 Any person requiring "same day filing service" shall pay Twenty-five  
9 Dollars (\$25.00) to the Secretary of State in addition to the  
10 applicable filing fee. These funds shall be deposited in the  
11 Revolving Fund created for the Secretary of State pursuant to the  
12 provisions of Section 276.1 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 B. For the purpose of this section, "substantially relates"  
14 means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was  
15 convicted has a direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform  
16 one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to  
17 the appointment and commission.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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