

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SAPPEY, JAMES, KNOWLES AND FREEMAN, AUGUST 9, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial  
3 acts, further providing for appointment and commission as  
4 notary public, qualifications and no immunity or benefit.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 321(d.1) of Title 57 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 321. Appointment and commission as notary public;  
10 qualifications; no immunity or benefit.

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12 (d.1) Official signature.--

13 (1) The official signature of each notary public shall  
14 be registered[, for a fee of 50¢,] in the "Notary Register"  
15 provided for that purpose in the prothonotary's office or the  
16 office of the recorder of deeds of the county where the  
17 notary public maintains an office within:

18 (i) 45 days after appointment or reappointment; and

19 (ii) 30 days after moving to a different county.

1           (2) In a county of the second class, the official  
2 signature of each notary public shall be registered in the  
3 office of the clerk of courts within the time periods  
4 specified in paragraph (1).

5           (3) On the same day that an official signature of a  
6 notary public is registered under paragraph (1), the office  
7 of the recorder of deeds may electronically transfer a copy  
8 of the official signature of the notary public to the  
9 prothonotary's office of the county where the notary public  
10 maintains an office. In lieu of an electronic transfer, a  
11 hard copy of the official signature shall be provided to the  
12 prothonotary's office.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.