

Assembly Bill No. 127–Committee on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to notaries public; providing that information obtained by the secretary of state during an investigation of a violation of certain provisions concerning notaries public is confidential; providing that an applicant for appointment as a notary public is not required to disclose his residential address or telephone number on certain documents; increasing fees that notaries public may charge for providing certain services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 240 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, information and documents filed with or obtained by the secretary of state pursuant to NRS 240.001 to 240.169, inclusive, are public information and are available for public examination.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, information and documents obtained by or filed with the secretary of state in connection with an investigation concerning a possible violation of the provisions of NRS 240.001 to 240.169, inclusive, are not public information and are confidential.

3. The secretary of state may submit any information or evidence obtained in connection with an investigation concerning a possible violation of the provisions of NRS 240.001 to 240.169, inclusive, to the appropriate district attorney for the purpose of prosecuting a criminal action.

4. The secretary of state may disclose any information or documents obtained in connection with an investigation concerning a possible violation of the provisions of NRS 240.001 to 240.169, inclusive, to an agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

Sec. 2. NRS 240.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

240.001 As used in NRS 240.001 to 240.169, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 240.002 to 240.006, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 240.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

240.030 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, each person applying for appointment as a notary public must:

(a) At the time he submits his application, pay to the secretary of state \$35.

(b) Take and subscribe to the oath set forth in section 2 of article 15 of the constitution of the State of Nevada as if he were a public officer.

(c) Enter into a bond to the State of Nevada in the sum of \$10,000, to be filed with the clerk of the county in which the applicant resides or, if the

applicant is a resident of an adjoining state, with the clerk of the county in this state in which the applicant maintains a place of business or is employed. The applicant shall submit to the secretary of state a certificate issued by the appropriate county clerk which indicates that the applicant filed the bond required pursuant to this paragraph.

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, an applicant for appointment as a notary public, **including, without limitation, a court reporter**, who resides in an adjoining state must submit to the secretary of state with his application:

(a) An affidavit setting forth the ~~{address of his place of residence}~~ **adjoining state in which he resides, his mailing address** and the address of his place of business or employment that is located within the State of Nevada; and

(b) Unless the applicant is self-employed, an affidavit from his employer setting forth the facts that show:

(1) The employer is licensed to do business in the State of Nevada; and

(2) The employer regularly employs the applicant at an office, business or facility which is located within the State of Nevada.

3. In completing an application, bond, oath or other document necessary to apply for appointment as a notary public, an applicant ~~{who is employed as a peace officer and is required to be a notary public as a condition of that employment}~~ must not be required to disclose his residential address or telephone number on any such document which will become available to the public.

4. A court reporter who has received a certificate of registration pursuant to NRS 656.180 may apply for appointment as a notary public with limited powers. Such an applicant is not required to enter into a bond to obtain the limited power of a notary public to administer oaths or affirmations.

5. If required, the bond, together with the oath, must be filed and recorded in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the applicant resides when he applies for his appointment or, if the applicant is a resident of an adjoining state, with the clerk of the county in this state in which the applicant maintains a place of business or is employed. On a form provided by the secretary of state, the county clerk shall immediately certify to the secretary of state that the required bond and oath have been filed and recorded. Upon receipt of the application, fee and certification that the required bond and oath have been filed and recorded, the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of appointment as a notary public to the applicant.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the secretary of state shall charge a fee of \$10 for each duplicate or amended certificate of appointment which is issued to a notary. If the notary public does not receive an original certificate of appointment, the secretary of state shall provide a duplicate certificate of appointment without charge if the notary

public requests such a duplicate within 60 days after the date on which the original certificate was issued.

Sec. 4. NRS 240.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

240.100 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a notary public may charge the following fees and no more:

For taking an acknowledgment, for the first signature
of each signer ~~1\$21~~ **\$5.00**
For each additional signature of each signer ~~11~~ **2.50**
For administering an oath or affirmation without a
signature ~~11~~ **2.50**
For a certified copy..... ~~11~~ **2.50**
For a jurat, for each signature on the affidavit ~~21~~ **5.00**

2. All fees prescribed in this section are payable in advance, if demanded.

3. A notary public may charge an additional fee for traveling to perform a notarial act if:

(a) The person requesting the notarial act asks the notary public to travel;

(b) The notary public explains to the person requesting the notarial act that the fee is in addition to the fee authorized in subsection 1 and is not required by law;

(c) The person requesting the notarial act agrees in advance upon the amount of the additional fee; and

(d) The additional fee does not exceed the standard mileage reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the purposes of federal income tax.

4. A person who employs a notary public may prohibit the notary public from charging a fee for a notarial act that the notary public performs within the scope of his employment. Such a person shall not require the notary public whom he employs to surrender to him all or part of a fee charged by the notary public for a notarial act performed outside the scope of his employment.