

HB 604 -- Notary Publics

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This bill revises various provisions regarding notary publics. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Removes the requirement that applicants provide their Social Security numbers on the application;
- (2) Requires applicants to list misdemeanor violations on the application;
- (3) Requires applicants to complete a computer-based or other notary training prior to submitting an application;
- (4) Details the information that notary publics must record in their required journals;
- (5) Provides that effective August 28, 2003, 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 requests for amended commissions must be made within 30 days of the change necessitating the amendment;
- (7) Allows notary publics to charge a travel fee separate from the notarial fee;
- (8) Provides that a notary public's felony conviction or guilty plea automatically results in a vacation of the office, equivalent to a resignation; and
- (9) Clarifies the powers of the Secretary of State to administer the notary public laws.