

HB 4020 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/13/24

Action: Do pass and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Fahey, Helfrich, Kropf, Nosse, Scharf, Valderrama, Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires all applicants for a commission as a notary public to complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State (SOS) or an approved entity before taking the required test administered by the SOS. This training requirement will apply to all applicants on or after January 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Information about other state requirements for training
- Frequency of the application for a notary public commission

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A notary public is an individual commissioned to perform a notarial act by the Secretary of State (SOS), including taking an acknowledgment; administering an oath or affirmation; taking a verification on oath or affirmation; witnessing or attesting a signature; certifying or attesting a copy; and making, noting, or recording a protest of a negotiable instrument. The term of a commission is four years.

Under current law, an applicant for a commission as a notary public must meet certain qualifications and pass a test administered by the SOS. New applicants must complete a course of study offered by the SOS, or an entity approved by the SOS, before taking the test. Currently, the SOS offers self-paced online training through Workday, basic and advanced instructor-led webinar trainings, and in-person trainings.