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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4277

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4277 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Notary Public Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2-102 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 312/2-102) (from Ch. 102, par. 202-102)

7 Sec. 2-102. Application.

8 (a) Application for notary public commission. Every
9 applicant for appointment and commission as a notary shall
10 complete an application in a format prescribed by the
11 Secretary of State to be filed with the Secretary of State,
12 stating:

13 (1) the applicant's official name, as it appears on
14 his or her current driver's license or state-issued
15 identification card;

16 (2) the county in which the applicant resides or, if

1 the applicant is a resident of a state bordering Illinois,
2 the county in Illinois in which that person's principal
3 place of work or principal place of business is located;

4 (3) the applicant's residence address, as it appears
5 on his or her current driver's license or state-issued
6 identification card;

7 (4) the applicant's e-mail address;

8 (5) the applicant's business address if different than
9 the applicant's residence address, if performing notarial
10 acts constitutes any portion of the applicant's job
11 duties;

12 (6) that the applicant has resided in the State of
13 Illinois for 30 days preceding the application or that the
14 applicant who is a resident of a state bordering Illinois
15 has worked or maintained a business in Illinois for 30
16 days preceding the application;

17 (7) that the applicant is a citizen of the United
18 States or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
19 United States;

20 (8) the applicant's date of birth;

21 (9) that the applicant is proficient in the English
22 language;

23 (10) that the applicant has not had a prior
24 application or commission revoked due to a finding or
25 decision by the Secretary of State;

26 (11) that the applicant;

1 (A) was ~~has~~ not ~~been~~ convicted of a misdemeanor or
2 felony within the 10 years immediately preceding the
3 date of application;

4 (B) did not, during the 10 years immediately
5 preceding the date of application, serve any term of
6 imprisonment or mandatory supervised release arising
7 from a criminal conviction; and

8 (C) did not, during the 10 years immediately
9 preceding the date of application, have any obligation
10 required by the Prisoner Review Board, the Department
11 of Corrections, or a court, including probation,
12 conditional discharge, community service, restitution,
13 fines, or required reporting or treatment, arising
14 from a criminal conviction or from a deferred judgment
15 with court supervision;

16 (12) that the applicant's signature authorizes the
17 Office of the Secretary of State to conduct a verification
18 to confirm the information provided in the application,
19 including a criminal background check of the applicant, if
20 necessary;

21 (13) that the applicant has provided satisfactory
22 proof to the Secretary of State that the applicant has
23 successfully completed any required course of study on
24 notarization; and

25 (14) any other information the Secretary of State
26 deems necessary.

1 (b) Any notary appointed under subsection (a) shall have
2 the authority to conduct remote notarizations.

3 (c) Application for electronic notary public commission.
4 An application for an electronic notary public commission must
5 be filed with the Secretary of State in a manner prescribed by
6 the Secretary of State. Every applicant for appointment and
7 commission as an electronic notary public shall complete an
8 application to be filed with the Secretary of State, stating:

9 (1) all information required to be included in an
10 application for appointment as an electronic notary
11 public, as provided under subsection (a);

12 (2) that the applicant is commissioned as a notary
13 public under this Act;

14 (3) the applicant's email address;

15 (4) that the applicant has provided satisfactory proof
16 to the Secretary of State that the applicant has
17 successfully completed any required course of study on
18 electronic notarization and passed a qualifying
19 examination;

20 (5) a description of the technology or device that the
21 applicant intends to use to create his or her electronic
22 signature in performing electronic notarial acts;

23 (6) the electronic signature of the applicant; and

24 (7) any other information the Secretary of State deems
25 necessary.

26 (d) Electronic notarial acts. Before an electronic notary

1 public performs an electronic notarial act using audio-video
2 communication, he or she must be granted an electronic notary
3 public commission by the Secretary of State under this
4 Section, and identify the technology that the electronic
5 notary public intends to use, which must be approved by the
6 Secretary of State.

7 (e) Approval of commission. Upon the applicant's
8 fulfillment of the requirements for a notarial commission or
9 an electronic notary public commission, the Secretary of State
10 shall approve the commission and issue to the applicant a
11 unique commission number.

12 (f) Rejection of application. The Secretary of State may
13 reject an application for a notarial commission or an
14 electronic notary public commission if the applicant fails to
15 comply with any Section of this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-160, eff. 6-5-23 (See Section 91 of P.A.
17 103-562 for effective date of P.A. 102-160); 102-1030, eff.
18 5-27-22.)".