**Section 176.205 Course of Study and Examination**

a) Beginning January 1, 2024, applicants seeking a commission as either a notary public or an electronic notary public must first successfully complete a course of study and acquire a passing score on the examination, as required by 5 ILCS 312/2-101.5. The applicant will have 2 years from the date of the examination to apply for a notary public or electronic notary public commission. Once the course of study and examination have been successfully completed and the commission has been issued, the certificate or other proof of successful completion of the course of study and examination will remain valid for the duration of the notary's four-year commission.

b) The Secretary of State may authorize the provision of a course of study for the mandatory training of notaries public and electronic notaries public by qualified third parties subject to this Subpart.

c) To be accepted by the Secretary, the course of study must be taught by a provider or instructor certified by the Secretary.

d) The course of study and examination must consist of the instruction and questions identified in Section 176.225.

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